

ABSA Boarder Leadership Conference

Thursday 13 February 2025

\$110 NZD*

***per boarder * inc GST**

If you have five or more boarders interested in participating please contact ABSA for a group discount.

The ABSA Boarder Leadership Conference is an online day designed to assist our boarders to be successful in the unique leadership roles within our residential communities.

The conference will have a range of collaborative lecture style sessions to ensure practical leadership skills and plans can be taken away and used within the boarding setting. ABSA have engaged Burn Bright who are experts in running engaging and impactful leadership programs for high school students to jointly host this conference. Through experiential learning and inspirational team leadership from keynote speakers and practical sessions with the engaging youthful team at Burn Bright, our aim is for boarders to leave confident and with the knowledge about how to lead in a boarding setting.

To attend the conference, we will require boarders to take a period of time off school as detailed below:

Thursday 13 February

1:30pm - 5:30pm

To Register Online:

absagroup.au/aotearoa-boarding-schools-association/2025-boarder-leadership-conference/registration

Please note this conference is specifically designed for boarders who are entering into a leadership position. The position could include:

- Boarding House Captains
- Vice Captains
- Boarder Committee Groups
- Boarding Prefects
- The Speakers and Sessions target Year 12 and 13 Boarding Leaders for 2025

Key Information:

- The conference will be held via Zoom.
- Boarders will be required to login on individual devices and have access to a headset so they can participate in discussion groups.
- We strongly recommend a supervisor in the room with your boarders.
- A recording will be made available post conference.



Program

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Welcome from ABSA & Burn Bright - (15 minutes)

Keynote Speaker - Inspirational Leadership - Leaving Your Legacy -

Nadia Schikker - Deputy Head of Boarding,
Christchurch Girls High School

Burn Bright Workshop #1: Building Foundations for Legacy Leadership

Leadership foundations - we all have them, but how strong and effective are yours? In this collaborative workshop, Burn Bright will explore what makes you you, and how to leverage these traits to shape the leader you want to be known and remembered for. (20 minutes)

Keynote Speaker - Foundation of Leadership - Embracing Change: Navigating Challenges and Unlocking Potential -

Caitlin Yates, Australian Boarding Schools Association

Burn Bright Workshop #2: Turning Leadership into Reality

Putting our vision into action can be daunting at times, however it doesn't have to be. In this collaborative workshop Burn Bright will use the foundations built in Workshop #1 to create a plan for turning it all into reality. (30 minutes)

BREAK - (30 min)

Welcome Back from Burn Bright - (15 minutes)

Keynote Speaker - Practical Leadership - Leading within a Boarding Environment

Wayne Brown - Headmaster, Whanganui Collegiate School

Burn Bright Workshop #3: Setting a Successful Vision

What is vision? How do we set ourselves a vision that is going to be successful? In this collaborative workshop Burn Bright will explore the elements of a successful vision and provide students with the tools to set a short term goal (6 months) and a long term goal (12 months). We recognise that the journey to achieving vision isn't linear and requires more than aspiration to be successful. We believe accountability is a major contributor to success; students will have the opportunity to connect and share their vision with others, to ensure a support network in achieving their goals. (25 minutes)

Wrap up and Goodbye - (15 minutes)

End of Day