ABSA Boarder Leadership Conference

Wednesday 22 October 2025

$110* 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:

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 incoming Year 11 and 12 Boarding Leaders for 2026.

We do not expect all schools to have chosen their boarding leaders yet and therefore invite a range of leader candidates to attend.

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India	WA/China/Singapore	NT	QLD	SA	NSW/ACT/VIC/TAS
5:30am - 9:30am	8am - 12pm	9:30am - 1:30pm	10am - 2pm	10:30am - 2:30pm	11am - 3pm

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.

To Register Online:

www.boarding.org.au/training-academy/conferences/boarder-leadership-conference-2025/registration

Program

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Welcome from ABSA & Burn Bright - (15 minutes)

Keynote Speaker - Inspirational Leadership - Leaving Your Legacy -
Andrew Hawkins, Headmaster at TSS

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 - Turning Ideas into Impact - Your Leadership Challenge
Ariane Yaxley and Cameron Vele, Bond University

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 - - Everyday Leadership - Small Actions, Big Influence

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

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