

## Top speakers will present at EduTech and FutureSchools

**N**ext year's EduTech, to be held at the Brisbane Convention Centre 30–31 May and FutureSchools to be held at Australian Technology Park, Sydney 3–4 March are forecast to attract higher registrations than the successful 2015 events. Organisers AC Events are predicting upwards of 8000 attendees for the Brisbane event and 1500 in Sydney.

### EduTech

EduTech will offer eight parallel congresses designed for: K–12 Education Leaders; Business and Administrators; Directors and Managers; Future Library; Higher Education; Tertiary Education IT Leaders; Workplace Learning; and VET Leaders.

### Keynote presenters

**Jane McGonigal** is a world-renowned game designer and innovator and was nominated in Fast Company's '100 most creative people in business' 2014 (US). She is a leading speaker on the engagement economy and the application of game-design to the real world.

She has been named one of the 'Top Ten Innovators to Watch' by *Business Week*, and '10 Most Powerful Women to Watch' by *Forbes*. In her first keynote in Australia, McGonigal will speak on future trends in virtual environments, where gaming fits in education, and how can schools use gaming technology as a learning tool.

**David Thodey** is Chair of the Board, CSIRO and former CEO of Telstra. He was appointed Chair of the Board of CSIRO in August 2015



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for a term of five years. He is also Chair of Jobs for NSW, an independent authority created in August 2015 to help deliver the NSW Government's target to create 150,000 jobs in four years.

**Julie Lindsay** is a Global collaboration consultant, teacherpreneur, and author; Adjunct Lecturer, School of Information Studies at Charles Sturt University. Her first book, *Flattening Classrooms, Engaging Minds* is acclaimed as the definitive text on how to embed global connections and collaborations for meaningful learning.

From her work as an education and digital technology leader in six different countries across Asia, Africa and the Middle East, she understands different global contexts and is able to bring new opportunities to others through

her unique approaches to digital learning and 'teacherpreneur' approach.

### FutureSchools

Will present five parallel conferences: Future Leaders; ClassTech; Teaching Kids to Code; Special Education Technology Needs; and Young Learners

### Keynote presenters

**Peggy Sheehy** is a pioneer in virtual world and games in education, and is sought out for inspiration, curriculum direction and professional development. She will share her first-hand experience in bringing the tools of this generation into the classroom to increase authenticity and agency to create compelling learning.

**Larry Rosenstock** is CEO, High Tech High (US). His unique approach to education has successfully bridged the gaps between technology, education, and society and will show educators how this approach can be adopted in Australian schools to develop students' potential.

**Lane Clark** is a pedagogical expert and international learning consultant (CA). Her powerful and practical classroom strategies and frameworks have been adopted by schools, teachers and students in the UK, Australia, New Zealand and around the world. Clark will share her ideas on how to design and deliver engaging, rigorous curriculum.

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