



Our Commitments to Students in the Age of AI

**Wednesday 5th November, Advanced Engineering Building Auditorium and breakout rooms,
St Lucia Campus, hosted by The University of Queensland**

8.30 am	Arrival and registrations		
9.00-9.15 Welcome	Session 1 - Welcome, acknowledgements and outline of day: Martin Betts , CEO and Co-founder of HEDx Professor Kris Ryan , Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic of The University of Queensland.		
9.15-9.45 Keynote and fireside chat	Session 2 – What is changing in global higher education and how does it impact students? Sir Chris Husbands , Former VC of Sheffield Hallam and First Chair of Teaching Excellence Framework UK introduced by Professor Helen Bartlett , Vice-Chancellor of University of the Sunshine Coast		
9.45-10.45 Tertiary Providers Leadership Panel	Session 3 - What do students need in times of change? led by Dionne Higgins , Partner, Korda Mentha with Professor Pascale Quester Vice-Chancellor, Swinburne University of Technology Sharan Burrow , Bendigo Kangan Institute, Board Chair Bill Shorten , Vice-Chancellor of University of Canberra Professor Simon Biggs , Vice-Chancellor of James Cook University		
10.45 am	Morning tea		
11.15 -11.40 Keynote and fireside chat	Session 4 - How do we build new ground through transformation? - keynote Professor Ann Kirschner , Presidential Advisor at Arizona State University and University of California with Alphia Possamai-Inesedy PVC Student Success, WSU		
11.45-12.45 Breakout sessions on What commitments can we make for students? of roundtables, panels or workshops	5a Commitments for online students Auditorium With Professor Kylie Readman of UTS and Catherine Reynolds of OUA, Erin Jancauskus of OES, Professor Dominique Parrish , Torrens DVC	5b Commitments for employers and communities Room 3.01 Professor Helen Bartlett and Alex Elibank-Murray of the University of the Sunshine Coast as facilitators, will lead an interactive SBS Insights-like session	5c Commitments for lifelong learners Room 3.16/3.16a With Kevin Bell AWS and Charlsey Pearce MCDS as facilitators with Margo Martinez of Salesforce, Hayley Crimmins of Ingenuity, Tim Burt of FSO, Matt

	and Tom Steer, DVC of Adelaide Will all be part of a panel session with the objectives to explore: 1. What are the issues emerging in how online learning is perceived and practised? 2. Who are our online learners and how can we best co-create educational experiences with them? 3. The various ways online learning is being impacted by the emergence of AI.	with Rania Shibl of University of the Sunshine Coast Yasminka Nemet of Microsoft, Duc Nguyen, Student of University of the Sunshine Coast, and then a second session with Leah Barclay of University of the Sunshine Coast, Ben Johnston, Strategy Director, HavenXR/Group and CEO, Joseph Mark and Callum Philips, Student, University of the Sunshine Coast	Mahoney of Technology1 - A Miro workshop to explore skills and attributes for the graduate and employee of 2030. Participants will take part in an interactive group activity to brainstorm the skills of the future, contribute to a live word cloud, and hear a panel discussion on how these capabilities can be recognised and made visible across education and employment systems. Facilitators include: Michelle Lincoln of Canberra, Graham Ashford of StudyPlanner, David Yip of Alumly, Mark Sampson of Cenote Solutions, Lea Patterson of Pilbara,
12.50 - 1.15 Rapporteurs Panel	Session 6 – What commitments can we make for students? Kevin Bell, AWS - commitments for lifelong learners Professor Kylie Readman, DVC, UTS - commitments for online students Professor Helen Bartlett Vice-Chancellor UniSC- commitments for employers Professor Guy Littlefair, DVC UWA as facilitator		
1.15 pm	Lunch		
2.10 - 2.40	Session 7 – Introduction to the Queensland Commitment		

Keynote and fireside chat	Professor Deborah Terry , AC, Vice-Chancellor of The University of Queensland introduced by Martin Betts , Founder of HEDx		
2.45 - 3.45 Breakout sessions on How can we innovate for students using AI? of panels, roundtables or workshops	8a Delivering the Promise: Scaling Student Impact with AI, Data & Innovation Auditorium Josh Nester SEEK Investments with Nicola Cresp OES, Sabih bin Wasi -CEO of Stellic Joel Di Trapani - Co-Ceo of Vygo and Trevor Fairweather, ReadyTech A panel session with extensive Q&A to explore how education institutions can keep their promise to students in a world of rising expectations, rapid change, and complex systems? In this panel, the leaders of ReadyTech, Stellic, Vygo and OES share how they're partnering with institutions to deliver real student impact—at scale. From using AI to personalise support and streamline operations, to leveraging data for continuous improvement and institutional trust, these leaders reveal what it takes to build platforms that work within the system while pushing it	8b Developing Staff and Student Skills for AI Room 3.01 With facilitator Prof Marcia Devlin of VATL with Colin Gneil of LinkedIn, Tim Burt of FSO, Manuela Franceschini of Adobe and Kathryn Blyth of UQ - In this interactive panel session, we won't just outline the challenges and issues related to developing staff and student skills for an AI world. In this session, based on what we already know about AI, we'll focus on potential solutions and helping those who need them to develop new skills, and how to do so quickly. Representatives from the Future Skills Organisation, Adobe, UniSuper and LinkedIn Learning will help us develop new understandings of the skills staff and students need in an AI world and attendees will leave	8c The Future We Co-design: Students-Staff-Industry AI Partnerships Room 3.16/3.16a Workshop by Christine Slade (The University of Queensland) and Tim Fawns (Monash University) with project lead Kelly Matthews (UQ). AI is reshaping higher education and demanding new ways of working together. This interactive session offers a taster of student–staff–industry co-design — exploring not just <i>what</i> we change, but <i>how</i> we change to equip students for the future of AI. Resources from the Students and AI Project 2025 co-labs will be shared that support AI for Learning, AI and Feedback, and reframing AI and Integrity. Facilitators will include: Simon Buckingham-Shum and Jan McLean, of UTS, Margaret Bearman and Jack Walton, of Deakin, Katie Ford, of Microsoft, Keith

	forward. If you care about outcomes, integrity, and innovation in education, this is the conversation to watch.	this session with clear ideas about how to begin to upskill accordingly.	Hawkes , of Ellucian, Amanda Ford , of OES, Graham Ashworth , of Study Planner, Mark Sampson , of Cenote Solutions, Michael Perry , of Salesforce
3.45 pm	Afternoon tea		
4.15 - 4.40 Rapporteurs Panel	Session 9 – How can we innovate for students using AI? Professor Kelly Matthews - Students and AI co-lab workshops Professor Marcia Devlin - Staff and student skills in AI Josh Nester - Scaling student impact with AI, data & innovation Professor Theo Farrell Vice-Chancellor of La Trobe University as moderator		
4.40 – 5.05 Closing Keynote fireside chat and	Session 10 - Launch of <i>Aiming Higher: Universities and Australia's Future</i> , Professor George Williams Vice-Chancellor of WSU in conversation with Alice Grundy of The Australia Institute		
5.05-5.20 Next steps	What's next and closing call for action - Martin Betts of HEDx, Professor Kris Ryan of UQ and Professor Kylie Readman of UTS Summary of the day - Manuela Franceschini , of Adobe		
5.20 – 6.20	Closing reception and networking		