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National  
Conference **2015**

Newcastle City Hall  
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**You are invited to attend the Big Picture Education Australia 2015 National Conference and 10th Anniversary Celebration. The three day event will be led by our students, advisors, leaders, parents and community members.**

There will be:

- Guest speakers
- Reports on our research
- Information about the launch of our new venture - the Big Picture Learning International Network
- Presentations and workshops (e.g. on Leaving to Learn and Project Based Learning)
- Activities
- Student work on display

All members of our network and the general public are welcome to attend, share, celebrate and learn about Big Picture and innovation in education.

For more information and to register visit [www.bigpicture.org.au](http://www.bigpicture.org.au)

**The Big Picture design inverts traditional schooling by placing students and their passions and interests at the centre of learning.**

#### **Big Picture schools:**

- Find and build on student interest
- Involve families in the learning
- Allow students to learn in and from community and adult mentors

Previously disengaged students are now participating in rigorous learning programs. They are motivated by learning that is linked to the real world and have high work completion rates.

#### **Compared to mainstream students, Big Picture students are likely to have:**

- Similar or better student outcomes
- Higher attendance rates
- Fewer discipline issues and much lower rates of suspension
- Greater parent participation in the school community
- A credential when they leave school