



2025 International Conference

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

DAY 1 - Wednesday, 7th May

'Meaning and Mattering'
The Big Picture Learning (BPL) Design
(Woolwich, Sydney)

DAY 2 - Thursday, 8th May

'Meaning and Mattering'
at the forefront of the IBPLC
(Woolwich, Sydney)

DAY 3 - Friday, 9th May

'Meaning and Mattering'
Importance of out-learning
(Mercure, Sydney)

OR

IBPLC SCHOOL / ACADEMY TOURS
Cooks Hill BPL Campus | Hunter Sports HS
Liverpool Boys HS | South Sydney HS

BPLA International Conference 2025

DAY 1 - Wednesday, 7th May

'Meaning and Mattering': The Big Picture Learning (BPL) Design

8.00	Arrival
8.30	Conference Start: <i>Jax Mckelvey Executive Assistant BPLA</i> Welcome to Country - Opening Smoking Ceremony
Session 1 - Introduction to 'Meaning and Mattering' <i>Viv White Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director, BPLA</i>	
9.15	Conference Opening Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Getting back to the design and the importance of 'Meaning and Mattering' ○ Learning goals - a student and their project
Session 2: 'New Ways, New Forms, New Measures' for 'Meaning and Mattering' in Learning <i>John Hogan Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director, BPLA</i>	
10.15	Keynote and table discussions: 'New Ways' Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Pam Roy Philosopher, filmmaker, and author</i> ○ <i>Elliot Washor Co-founder BPL, USA</i>
11:00	MORNING TEA
11.30	Keynote and table discussions: 'New Forms' Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Pam Roy Philosopher, filmmaker, and author</i> ○ <i>Elliot Washor Co-founder BPL, USA</i>
12.15	Keynote and table discussions: 'New Measures' Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Pam Roy Philosopher, filmmaker, and author</i> ○ <i>Elliot Washor Co-founder BPL, USA</i>
1:00 pm	LUNCH
Session 3: Valuing diverse ways of thinking <i>Cara Shipp BPLA Queensland Coordinator and National School Coach</i>	
1:45	First Nations Perspectives Discussion Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Monty Kellet-Hughs James Fallon, Graduate</i> ○ <i>Kapua Chandler Executive Director of Namahana School, Hawaii</i> ○ <i>Jackie Connell Assistant Deputy Minister Indigenous Excellence in Education, Manitoba Canada</i> ○ <i>Carol Owala - BPL Kenya</i>
2:45	BPL Advisory workshop Thinking afresh about Learning Goals using student work/videos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facilitated: BPLA Coaches ○ Activity: Participants are directed to specific groups.
3:45	Closing Reflection - Viv White Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director, BPLA Meaning and Mattering: The Big Picture Learning (BPL) Design Day 1 Wrap-Up
4.00 pm	Conference DAY 1 Finish

DAY 2 - Thursday, 8th May

‘Meaning and Mattering’ at the forefront of the International Big Picture Learning Credential (IBPLC)

Session 1: Meet some IBPLC graduates

Sue French | Chair and founding member, Board of Directors BPLA

8.30	Arrival
9.00	Conference Start Acknowledgment of Country
9.15	Discussion Panel: The IBPLC Graduate Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Viv White Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director, BPLA</i> ○ <i>Professor Sandra Milligan Melbourne Metrics / University of Melbourne</i> ○ <i>Tony Wilson BP Lead James Fallon HS</i> ○ <i>Joanne Rutkowski National IBPLC Coordinator</i>
10.15	BPL Advisory workshop led by Cara Shipp and Jacquie White <i>An opportunity to look more closely at the ‘Stories of becoming’ in students’ IBPLC online portfolios</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facilitators: <i>BPLA Coaches - Ann Hill, Brooke Burns, Eva Korkidas, Sally Anderson, David Staley</i> ○ Activity: Participants are directed to specific groups.
11:00	MORNING TEA

Session 2 - IBPLC in context

Viv White | Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director, BPLA

11:30	International Partners - US IBPLC Update Speaker: <i>Andrea Purcell BPL/IBPLC Coordinator Los Angeles</i>
12:00	Kenya Social Action Project Speakers: <i>Carol Owala Co-Founder and Co-Director BPL Kenya , Cara Shipp School Coach</i>
12:45	Keynote: The Future of Contemporary Schooling in a Gen AI World Speaker: <i>Professor John Fischetti Formerly of University of Newcastle, BPLA Board member</i>
1.00 pm	LUNCH

Session 3 - Deep dive into IBPLC

Professor Sandra Milligan | Melbourne Metrics / University of Melbourne

1:45	IBPLC Update - University of Melbourne
2:15	Specialist Breakout Sessions (Choose One <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderation session(s) - a practical workshop in assessing student work using the IBPLC frames Presenter: <i>Joanne Rutkowski - National IBPLC Coordinator and Coaches</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Policy breakthroughs for the IBPLC in the tertiary sector and admissions processes Presenters: <i>Professor John Fischetti - Formerly University of Newcastle.</i> <i>Ann Hill - IBPLC University Pathways Coordinator and ACT BLA Coach</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deep dive into the new assessment measures and psychometrics of the IBPLC Presenter: <i>Professor Sandra Milligan - Melbourne Metrics / University of Melbourne</i>
3:15	Closing Reflection - John Hogan Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director, BPLA Meaning and Mattering at the Forefront of the IBPLC
4.00 pm	Conference DAY 2 Finish

DAY 3 - Friday, 9th May

‘Meaning and Mattering’ The importance of out-learning

IBPLC SCHOOL / ACADEMY TOURS

Session 1 - The Power of Interest, Relationships, Practice
John Hogan | Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director, BPLA

GROUP 1

GROUP 2

GROUP 3

8.30

Arrival

9.00

Conference Start
First Nations’ Welcome to Country

9.15

Learning Through Internships (LTI) in a remote setting
Speakers: *Sophie Petty or Liz Ritchie*

*Cooks Hill
BPL
Campus*

*Hunter
Sports
High School*

*Liverpool
Boys
High School*

9.45

Keynote: The Power of Interest, Relationships, Practice
Speaker: *Elliot Washor* | Co-founder and Co-Director BPL

10.30

MORNING TEA

Session 2 - Reflections on Out-Learning
Elliot Washor | Co-founder and Co-Director BPL

PAUSE AND REFLECT

11:00

Panel: Learning Through Internships (LTI)
Elliot Washor
Students to be confirmed

12:00

BPL START-UP JOURNEY

Specialist Breakout Sessions (Choose One)

Starting & Sustaining a BPL School for LEADERS

Presenter/s:
Jenny Perrett
John Hogan (Co-founder BPLA)
Mike Saxon (Principal, Liverpool Boys HS)

Starting & Sustaining a BPL Advisory for ADVISORS

Presenter/s: BPLA Coaches (TBC)

Practical workshop on meaningful LTIs for ALL

Presenter: *Elliot Washor*

*Hunter
Sports
High School*

*Cooks Hill
BPL
Campus*

*South
Sydney
High
School*

PAUSE AND REFLECT

1:00

LUNCH

Session 3 REFLECTIONS on ‘Meaning and Mattering’ in BPL

RETURN TO CONFERENCE

Advisory - Practical activity

Conference Reflection and Wrap-up:
Viv White, John Hogan | Co-Founders and Co-Executive
Directors, BPLA

4.00 pm

CONFERENCE FINISH

