



MORE ABOUT OUR AMAZING SPEAKERS

Dale Sidebottom <i>The School of Play</i>	Dale Sidebottom, an internationally recognised play consultant and visionary founder of The School of Play, Energetic Education, and Jugar Life, leverages his extensive experience spanning over two decades in the education and health sectors. His mission is to illuminate the vital connection between daily play and improved mental health and well-being for schools, clubs, families, and corporations. An accomplished author, Dale penned 'All Work No Play', and hosts the highly acclaimed 'Energetic Radio' podcast. He is renowned as a captivating TEDx speaker, consistently inspiring audiences with his innovative approach to fostering joy and well-being through play. Dale has spoken face to face in 25
Jarrold Robinson <i>The PE Geek</i>	Jarrold Robinson, known globally as The PE Geek, is a leading voice in the intersection of physical education and technology. A passionate educator and innovator, Jarrold has delivered workshops in over 35 countries, helping thousands of teachers embrace meaningful, tech-enhanced PE. As the founder of ConnectedPE and creator of numerous educational apps, he has pioneered practical tools that empower PE teachers to boost engagement, assessment, and learning outcomes. With a career defined by impact and innovation, Jarrold continues to inspire the global PE community to rethink what's possible in their classrooms.
Jessica Harris <i>UpliftED</i>	Jess Harris is an educator, keynote speaker, and founder of UpliftED. Having worked in Universities, Schools, and with the VCAA for over 15 years, Jess brings a wealth of experience in educational settings. Blending research-backed insight with energising, movement-based experiences, she helps teachers and leaders reconnect with what fuels them. Her work bridges personal self-awareness and professional impact – challenging hustle culture and creating space for clarity, connection, and depth.
Paul Campbell <i>The School of Play</i>	Paul Campbell brings over two decades of comprehensive experience in the educational sector, seamlessly transitioning from a dedicated classroom teacher to an accomplished Assistant Principal. His expertise lies in fostering well-being and positive education initiatives, significantly enhancing the learning environment in schools. Beyond the classroom, Paul has made notable contributions to the sports world, focusing on player welfare and well-being. His impactful work includes collaborations with professional athletes and prestigious sporting clubs, highlighted by his recent tenure at the Collingwood
Matt Pywell	At age 5, Matt began Gymnastics, and he has been involved ever since. He brings 41 years of gymnastics, 27 years coaching and judging experience. He has managed a number of Gymnastics clubs and regularly presents at coaching workshops on behalf of Gymnastics Victoria and Gymnastics Australia. After completing a Bachelor of Physical Education at Deakin University, he moved to Bright with his family in 2008 to begin work at Bright P-12 as a PE/Science teacher. He created a gymnastics club which now has over 100 members and 12 coaching staff and continues to see him involved in this unique, whole body sport.
Allie Grey-Smith	With years of presenting experience at ACHPER under her belt, we are thrilled to announce that Annie will be presenting some sessions at our HOPE Conference in the areas of VCE and HHD, as well as Omnikin equipment adaptations – one session not to be missed!
Annie Kay	Annie has vast experience having worked for both ACHPER and VCAA, and now at Firbank Grammar teaching year 5. She brings a wealth of experience in the Health and Physical Education Curriculum area, and is sure to invigorate your HOPE classrooms!
Brooke Pearce	Brooke is a passionate and experienced HOPE teacher, and brings a depth of knowledge about Indigenous games, and Indigenous perspectives in education. Brooke is skilled in gamification and is certain to open your mind about inclusion for all in her session.
Tammy Smith	Tammy has been working for the Department of Education in the space of Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships for almost 10 years. Having a depth of experience in embedding the program in schools across our region, she brings exciting activities and ideas to embed the RRRR's into any school – both primary and secondary.
Michelle Boyer	Michelle brings a wealth of experience to the conference, having taught in schools around our region and Australia, she opened a successful tutoring business, before returning to tutor students in local schools. Michelle's passion for Yoga now sees her instructing in this space and we are thrilled to have her run a session for us at our conference!