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Positive Education Schools Association (PESA) Inaugural National Conference Friday 27 – Saturday 28 February, 2015

Over 200 educators from five States across Australia will descend on St Peter’s College, in Adelaide, from Friday 27 to Saturday 28 February 2015 for a 2 day conference on wellbeing in schools.

Positive Education is a blend of the science of positive psychology and best practice in learning and teaching. It is an umbrella term used to describe scientifically validated programs from positive psychology that have an impact on student wellbeing.

Simon Murray, Chair of the Positive Education Schools Association’s Board, and Headmaster of St Peter’s College – Adelaide, announced six keynotes and 25 workshops for PESA’s inaugural national conference.

“The Board of the Positive Education Schools Association is delighted to have the key leaders in the field of child and adolescent wellbeing at this important conference.” Simon Murray stated. Keynote speakers include:

- **Professor Patrick McGorry AO** Professor of Youth Mental Health at the University of Melbourne and 2010 Australian of the Year
- **Dr Michael Carr-Gregg** Managing Director of the Young and Well Cooperative Research Centre
- **Associate Professor Jane Burns** Founder and CEO Young and Well Cooperative Research Centre
- **Professor Lea Waters** Gerry Higgins Chair in Positive Psychology and Director of the Centre for Positive Psychology, Melbourne Graduate School at The University of Melbourne
- **Gabrielle Kelly** Director Wellbeing and Resilience Centre South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI)
- **Jason Ball** Ambassador - Safe School Coalition.

Simon noted, “there is huge interest in teaching wellbeing in schools across all systems in the country. PESA is an Association that focuses on applications of wellbeing across schools regardless of circumstance”.

Other information:

- The **Positive Education Schools Association** (PESA) was founded by the Heads of nine leading schools across Australia.
• Founding schools include: St Peter’s College, SA; Christ Church Grammar School, WA; Anglican Church Grammar School, Qld; Euroa Secondary School, Vic; Seymour College, SA; The Peninsula School, Vic; Geelong Grammar School, Vic; St Catherine’s School, NSW; and Knox Grammar School, NSW.
• The Positive Education Schools Association (PESA) was launched at the 4th Australian Positive Psychology & Wellbeing Conference in February 2014 at the University of Melbourne.
• The Patron of PESA is Dr Martin E P Seligman - Zellerbach Family Professor of Psychology, Director of the Positive Psychology Center, University of Pennsylvania

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• More details and full details of the conference brochure can be found at www.pesa.edu.au
• You can keep up to date with PESA news and events by following us on Twitter @PosEdSA