

## PESA Queensland Chapter T3 PD Event

### *The Next Wave of Wellbeing Strategies, Implementation & Practice*

**23 July, 1.30pm – Proudly hosted by The Southport School**



### *Keynote: Warren Symonds*

*PESA Deputy-Chair and Mt Barker High School Principal*

*"A New Wave of Wellbeing at Mt Barker"*

Mt Barker High School is recognised as one of Australia's leading government schools, and a pioneer of positive education. In this keynote, Warren will share his plans and strategies for wellbeing in 2021 – taking stock of the journey to date in the context of the pandemic, and sharing the school's 'next wave' of wellbeing. Warren will share the school's innovative approach to ensuring wellbeing is embedded within school culture in a vastly changed world, and that every member of the school community is supported and heard.



Warren Symonds has served as a PESA Director for 6 years and is the current PESA Deputy Chair.

He is a highly experienced educator having worked in the SA Department for Education since 1987.

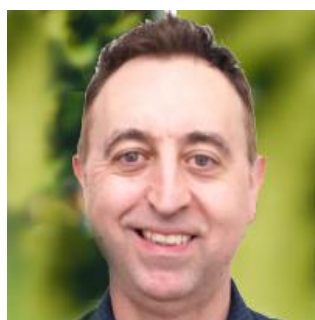
His teaching experience has varied from small Area Schools through to large metropolitan High Schools. For the past ten years Warren has been the Principal of Mount Barker High School situated in one of the fastest growing cities in Australia. During this time, he has initiated Mount Barker High School's introduction of Positive Psychology into a whole school approach.

This concept was expanded into the Mount Barker community and 8 primary schools to improve the wellbeing of over 3000 children and young people across the Adelaide Hills. Professor Martin Seligman has referred to the approaches being used at Mount Barker High School as being a world's first and at the cutting edge of teaching Positive Education to a whole school community.

Warren has also been an active member of ACEL supporting the development of leadership with a focus on leader's wellbeing. He was the recipient of the 2017 ACEL SA Educational Leadership Medal and the ACEL National Fellowship award. He is currently the ACEL SA Branch President and holds the position as a Director on the ACEL National Board.

## *Panel Discussion*

### *Three Diverse Schools Share Their Practice-Based Approaches to Wellbeing in 2021*



Matt Smith from The Gap State High School, Dr Madonna Ahern from Mt St Michael's College and Dr Angela Zagoren from The Southport School will share their strategies and practice-based approaches across the Government, Catholic and Independent sectors, and offer practical tips for updating your school's wellbeing strategy, as well as advice for implementation.

## *Student Perspective*

### *Students Share Their Reflections on Wellbeing During Challenging Times*

Students from diverse backgrounds will share their insights on a difficult year, reflecting on their personal growth through adversity, and suggest ways that their schools might best support them during 2021 and beyond

We will conclude the afternoon with refreshments and an opportunity to network with colleagues and reconnect with old friends.

**All welcome!**

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