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# **2021 Student Voice Conference**

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Information Pack



## Introduction

The inaugural Student Voice Conference, presented by Xavier College, to be held on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July, aims to promote student voice at Xavier and amongst partner schools and schools from across the Melbourne area as well as to invite students to reflect upon how they can lead authentically in today's world.

It is also the aim of the Conference to model how student voice can operate, providing inspiration to participating schools and informing conversations about how student voice can best be realised in the future, particularly through discussions around contemporary issues facing students which will occur during the workshop sessions throughout the day.

Please provide the names of your school's chosen attendees and any dietary requirements by following this link:

<https://forms.gle/7XqDbn8nRDsT1Fgk6>

## Key Information

The Student Voice Conference is to be held on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2021, at Xavier College's Senior Campus (135 Barkers' Rd, Kew) in the **Eldon Hogan Performing Arts Centre** from **8:55am to 3:15pm**. All attendees are requested to arrive **no later than 8:50am** for registration.

The Conference will consist of three keynote speeches from Distinguished Guests and three workshops. A timetable for the day can be found on the following page.

### Invitations have been extended to the following schools:

Trinity Grammar School  
St Kevin's College  
Scotch College  
Genazzano FCJ College  
Sacré Cœur  
Bialik College  
Balwyn High School  
Methodist Ladies' College  
Kew High  
Carey Baptist Grammar School  
Marcellin College

Wesley College  
Ruyton Girls' School  
Melbourne Girls' College  
Richmond High School  
Melbourne Grammar School  
Siena College  
Loreto Mandeville Hall  
St Mary's College St Kilda East  
Loyola College Watsonia  
St Ignatius Drysdale

### The following interstate Jesuit Partner Schools have also been invited to attend:

St Ignatius' College Riverview  
St Aloysius' College  
St Ignatius' College Athelstone

Selected Xavier College Prefects and members of the Senior Campus Student Voice Committee will also be present.

## Timetable

Time	Activity	Location
08:30	Registration Begins	Xavier College Eldon Hogan Performing Arts Centre (EHPAC) Upper Foyer and Forecourt
08:55	Day Begins	EHPAC
09:00	Welcome and Mingling	EHPAC Upper and Lower Foyers
09:30	Keynote Speech 1 – Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau, AC, Governor of Victoria	EHPAC Auditorium
10:15	Morning Tea	EHPAC Upper and Lower Foyers
10:30	Workshop 1	EHPAC and Surrounding Classrooms
11:15	Keynote Speech 2 – The Honourable Justice Simon Steward	EHPAC Auditorium
12:00	Lunch	EHPAC Upper and Lower Foyers
12:30	Workshop 2	EHPAC and Surrounding Classrooms
13:15	Keynote Speech 3 – Lieutenant General John Frewen, DSC, AM	EHPAC Auditorium
14:00	Afternoon Tea	EHPAC Upper and Lower Foyers
14:15	Workshop 3	EHPAC and Surrounding Classrooms
15:00	Concluding Remarks	EHPAC Auditorium
15:15	Day Concludes	EHPAC

## Keynote Speakers

Keynote speeches will be delivered by the following Distinguished Guests:



### **Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau, AC, Governor of Victoria**

Governor Dessau is the first female Governor of Victoria, having served in the position since the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2015. Prior to being appointed Victoria's 29<sup>th</sup> Governor, Her Excellency held appointments on the Victorian Magistrates' Court (1986-1995) and the Family Court of Australia (1995-2013), having also practiced law as a barrister in both Victoria and overseas as Crown Counsel and Senior Crown Counsel in the Hong Kong Attorney-General's chambers. Governor Dessau has been involved in a number of charitable organisations including as Patron of the Epilepsy Foundation and One Umbrella. Her Excellency was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2010 for services to family law and the community and promoted to Companion in 2017 for eminent service to the Victorian community.



## **The Honourable Justice Simon Steward**

Justice Steward has been a Justice of the High Court of Australia since December 2020. Prior to his appointment to the High Court, His Honour served on the Federal Court from February 2018, also serving as Deputy President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal from June 2018. His Honour was admitted to practice in Victoria in 1991, was called to the Bar in 1999, where he was the President of the Tax Bar Association, being appointed one of Her Majesty's Counsel in 2009. Justice Steward graduated Xavier College in 1985 and holds both a Bachelor of Laws and a Master of Laws from the University of Melbourne and is a Senior Fellow at the University of Melbourne School of Law.



### **Lieutenant General John Frewen, DSC, AM**

Lieutenant General Frewen is the Commanding Officer of Operation COVID-19 ASSIST, the ADF's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Lt Gen Frewen is also the Principal Deputy Director-General of the Australian Signals Directorate, a post which he has held since 2018. Lt Gen Frewen previously commanded the 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, which was deployed in the Solomon Islands Crisis, as well as commanding Joint Task Force 633 and Combined Task Force 635. Lt Gen Frewen was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2004 for his command of Joint Task Force 635 during Operation Anode. He also received the Distinguished Service Cross in 2019 for his command of Joint Task Force 633 on Operations OKRA and HIGHROAD. Lt Gen Frewen graduated Xavier College in 1982.

**The Xavier College Prefect for Student Voice will oversee the day, deliver remarks on the topic of Student Voice and moderate Q&A sessions with Keynote Speakers:**

### **Henry Dudesin, Xavier College Prefect for Student Voice**

Henry started at Xavier in Year 5 at the Burke Hall Campus and is now in his final year at the College. While at the Senior Campus, he has been an active member of the Student Voice Committee since its formation in 2019, including leading the writing and implementation of the Xavier College Student Code as well as leading the reviews of several College policies and guidelines. Henry received the Kooyong Student Prize in 2020 from the Hon. Josh Frydenberg MP, Treasurer of Australia, for general excellence, leadership and contribution to the community. He was appointed the College's Prefect for Student Voice in October 2020.



## COVID-19 Contingency Plans and Safety Measures

Cognisant of the ongoing public health situation and the potential for further outbreaks and changes to restrictions, the Student Voice Conference will go ahead in a different form if restrictions necessitate such a change.

In the event of a lockdown or changes to density limits, the event will move to an online-only format, with keynote speeches occurring onsite at Xavier College and workshops occurring via Microsoft Teams or Zoom. In such an event, further information will be communicated closer to the date.

Regardless of the level of restrictions on the day, best practice infection control and COVID safety measures will be adopted. The venue will be deep-cleaned beforehand, hand sanitiser will be available in many locations in the venue and physical distancing will be maintained, when appropriate.

If you have any questions regarding the COVIDSafe measures being put in place, please do not hesitate to make contact via the details on the following page.

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