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Australian
Character
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Summit

Character Education Research in Australia

A Half-Day Pre-Summit Symposium

Co-hosted by the Australian Character Education Alliance, The Sydney Character Initiative at the University of Sydney, and the Research-Invested Schools Network

1:30-5:00pm, followed by drinks reception

Wednesday 11 November 2026

Loreto Mandeville Hall Toorak, Melbourne

A research-focused gathering ahead of the Australian Character Education Summit, this symposium brings together a small community of Australian educators actively engaged in character education research and inquiry.

The symposium is designed as a working gathering rather than a traditional academic conference. It is not a forum for individual researchers to present papers, with the expectation that many will be presenting at ACES. Its aim, rather, is to strengthen the Australian character education research ecosystem by:

- surfacing emerging questions and tensions in the field
- connecting practitioner-researchers across sectors and systems
- exploring rigorous and practical research methodologies
- strengthening partnerships between schools, universities, and research centres
- identifying collaborative projects and future publication opportunities
- contributing toward a distinctly Australian conversation on character education

This gathering is for any school teachers, school leaders, doctoral candidates, academics and practitioner-researchers exploring how schools, residential colleges, universities and other communities of formation cultivate character for human flourishing. Participants may be current or prospective researchers.

Guest speakers include:

- **Professor Phil Cummins**,
The Sydney Character Initiative at the University of Sydney
- **Associate Professor Liz Gulliford**,
The Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues at the University of Birmingham
- **Dr Hugh Chilton**, *The Sydney Character Initiative at the University of Sydney / Research-Invested Schools*
- **Associate Professor Christine Grice**, *Sydney School of Education and Social Work at the University of Sydney*
- **Dr Caitlin Munday**, *Scotch College / Research-Invested Schools*
- **Dr Fiona Isaacs**, *Tara Anglican School for Girls / Australian Character Education Alliance*

***Registration is free but places are limited.
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