

The Leadership Conference 2026

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Wednesday 26 August, 9.30am–4.00pm

8.45am	Registrations open tea and coffee available on arrival			
9.30am	CONFERENCE COMMENCES	Welcome to Country	Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Elder	Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
		Introduction and welcome	Daniela Kavoukas	CEO, It Takes A Village
9.45am	KEYNOTE	Leading on the edge	Rachael Robertson	Antarctic expedition leader, leadership and teamwork expert and best-selling author
10.45am	Morning tea			
11.15am	PANEL SESSION	Is it better to be loved or feared? An age-old question for leaders	Catharine Hydon (facilitator) Taryn Holland Narelle Lawton Annie Mok Anthony Morris	Director, Hydon Consulting Coordinator, St Kilda and Balaclava Kindergarten Acting Services Manager, It Takes A Village Manager, Family and Children's Services, La Trobe University Community Children's Centre Professional Support Consultant, It Takes A Village
12.00pm	Stretch break			
12.10pm	PRESENTATION	Leading through conflict: Practical tools for difficult conversations	Kylie Thomas	Founder and Managing Director, DreamStoneHR
12.30pm	Lunch break			
1.15pm	KEYNOTE	Strong leaders build smarter teams	Kathy Walker OAM	Award-winning teaching and learning expert, and author
2.15pm	Stretch break			
2.20pm	WORKSHOP	Workplace culture: Where should we begin?	Bryony Catlin Kylie Seadon	Professional Support Consultants, It Takes A Village
3.15pm	SERVICE SHOWCASE	Leadership, capacity building and educator retention in challenging times	Linda Davison	Coordinator, Clarendon Children's Centre
3.50pm-4.00pm	Reflections, prize winners announced and close			