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We are pleased to announce our exhibitors for 2026



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8.30 - 8.45	Registration & Welcome Attendee check-in, badge distribution, and welcome coffee.
8.45 - 8.55	Conference Opening Annie Rees, BEWA
9.00 - 10.00	Keynote - A New Perspective on the Future of Education Cara Fugill, Scotch Global
10.05 - 10.45	BEA Conference Wrap-Up from Melbourne Fiona Walton, BEWA
10.45 - 11.20	Morning Tea
11.20 - 12.05	Making Thinking Visible in Commerce Education Ryan Shave, Carmel School
12.10 - 12.55	Current Economic Conditions RBA
12.55 - 1.35	Lunch and Networking
1.40 - 2.25	Workshop 1: Knowing Your Students Faster: Using Simple AI to Inform Teaching Ashleigh Shapland , Carine Senior High School
2.30 - 3.15	Workshop 2: BME and ACF options Chris Habib, Mercedes College and the BEWA Committee
3.15 - 3.30	BEWA Teacher of the Year Presentation of the Dell Trainer Award to the BEWA Teacher of the Year.
3.30	Sundowner 300 Acres, Wembley Golf Course

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Keynote

Cara Fugill
Scotch Global

**A New Perspective on the Future of
Education**

Cara will share insights into Educating with AI, designing a future focused learning environment, innovation in curriculum development and fostering a community of learners.



Cara Fugill is a passionate, globally experienced educator leading transformation in education. With a background in senior leadership and executive roles within schools, her past roles include Director of Teaching and Learning Pre K–12 at Scotch College amongst others.

As the Head of Scotch Global, Cara reimagines education for the 21st century, focusing on innovative curriculum development, technology integration, and fostering collaboration among students and educators. Her dedication drives excellence and prepares students for success in a dynamic world.



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Session 1

Fiona Walton
BEWA

BEA Conference Wrap-Up from Melbourne

We share the highlights, practical ideas and inspiring conversations from this year's national Business Educators of Australasia for Business, Economics and Commerce educators.

Discover innovative approaches to teaching financial literacy, entrepreneurship, civics and interdisciplinary learning, along with classroom-ready resources and engaging activities you can use straight away.

We'll also share insights from the Port of Melbourne industry tour and explore authentic ways to connect students with real-world business and economic concepts. Discover fresh teaching ideas, new resources and hear what's happening in commerce education across Australia.

This session will leave you with practical strategies and inspiration to take back to your classroom.

Session 2

Ryan Shave
Carmel School

Making Thinking Visible in Commerce Education

How do we move beyond teaching content to create learning experiences that genuinely matter?

This session explores how Harvard Project Zero's Visible Thinking routines can transform contemporary issues into authentic learning experiences across Business, Economics and Entrepreneurship.

Through Western Australian case studies—including Perth's housing affordability crisis, Rottnest Island tourism following the recent shark attack, the Perth Surf Park development, and Tassal's expansion into remote Western Australia—participants will experience practical strategies to strengthen disciplinary thinking, entrepreneurial mindsets, evidence-based decision-making, and student agency.

Attendees will leave with immediately applicable classroom activities that help students answer one essential question: Why should I care about this?

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Session 3

Jo Embry, Reserve Bank of Australia

Current Economic Conditions

Delegates will hear from the RBA Education Team on Australia's current economic conditions and how the Reserve Bank uses monetary policy to manage inflation and support economic stability.

The session will explore the latest trends in inflation, interest rates, employment and consumer spending, and explain how these factors influence the RBA's policy decisions.

Attendees will gain valuable insights into the key economic challenges facing Australia and the outlook for the economy.

Workshop 1

**Ashleigh Shapland,
Carine Senior High School**

Knowing Your Students Faster: Using Simple Diagnostics, Student Self-Reflection, and AI to Inform Teaching

Learn a simple, low-preparation workflow that helps teachers understand a new class within the first two lessons.

Using a diagnostic task, student self-reflection, and AI analysis of de-identified data, staff can quickly identify learning needs and adjust teaching accordingly.

You will receive a ready-to-use workflow, templates, prompts, and examples adaptable across learning areas.

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Workshop 2 BME

BEWA Committee

Assessment Generation Workshop

Many hands make light work. Join a team and build a suite of assessments in this rapid fire session. Walk away with an assessment and marking rubric ready for the 2027 academic year. Delegates will be designing the marking key and teaching the Recognition criteria for income and expenses in ACF and generating research tasks and case studies for BME.

Workshop 2 ACF

**Chris Habib,
Mercedes College**

Designing Marking Keys and Recognition Criteria for I&E in ACF

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- In this session delegates will participate in an Assessment Design Workshop, collaboratively developing a marking key for a common assessment concepts. They will also learn about Income and Expense Recognition, exploring strategies for teaching income and expense recognition, with practical examples and curriculum-focused discussion.
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