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National Forum: 14–15 November 2024

Foreword

Welcome to the 19th National HEPP-QN Forum

This has been a big year for the HEPP-QN as it is for the higher education sector in Australia. Korsakova states that 'In the 21st century higher education institutions cannot survive if they simply support an established state of affairs' because of 'the [rate of change in the] modern world. Korsakova describes this rate of change as 'tend[ing] to infinity' with 'the transition interval tend[ing] to zero' (Tatiana V. Korsakova. *European Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies January – June 2020 Volume 6*, Issue 1, Higher Education in VUCA-World: New Metaphor of University).

2024 has been a deeply conflicted year with complex and controversial issues at the forefront of the sector's changing and volatile landscape. We could well say that rate of change for us this year can be likened 'to infinity' with zero 'transition intervals'.

The seismic shifts over the last two decades have become increasingly problematic with unexpected pressure points facing the sector over the last several months. Perhaps at no other time has it been more important for stakeholders across the Australian tertiary sector to believe that more can be achieved in the national interest if all parties commit to 'achieving together'. To lead us in these discussions, we are privileged to feature notable nationally-acclaimed presenters at our forum, including Professor Andrew Norton (Professor of Higher Education Policy, Australian National University), Professor Dominique Parrish (DVCA, Torrens University), Dr Michael Tomlinson (Tomlinson & Associates) and Mr Michael Wells (Partner at MinterEllison Consulting).

This is also an important watershed moment for the HEPP-QN as we reflect on a decade of our history against our signature motto: 'achieving together'. We welcome you in joining us in celebrating a decade of collaboration of HEPP-QN outcomes. This year, the HEPP-QN conducted its inaugural National Student Forum and it was a sheer privilege to host our HEPP-QN students and to hear their views on higher education, its wins and challenges and the changing nature of student support and its demands. It was also our good fortune to have as our special guest Mr James Walden, Business Development Manager at NZE Accessible, a graduate of Edith Cowan University who shared with us the important role of higher education from his lived experience of living with disability.

The HEPP-QN also celebrates its launch of its inaugural publication *Achieving Together* edited by Jane Fernandez and Geoff Scott, an important milestone achievement in the HEPP-QN's decade of outcomes. It is also notable that the HEPP-QN has launched its first call for papers on the theme of Generative Artificial Intelligence ahead of its first issue of the HEPP-QN Journal (HEPPQNJ). This year marks also the HEPP-QN's focus on its Assessment Reform and Student Support Workshops.

We welcome each of you to this important HEPP-QN National Forum. Let's learn together to achieve together!

Warm wishes

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Venue: Monash Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street Melbourne VIC 3000
Online by Zoom

	Thursday 14 November 2024	Friday 15 November 2024
9:30am–10:00am	**HEPP-QN 'Achieving Together'** Professor Jane Fernandez	**HEPP-QN Student National Forum Report** Professor Jane Fernandez
10:00am–11:00am	**The Universities Accord and International Student Caps** Professor Andrew Norton Higher Education Policy, ANU	**A Sector Under Pressure** Mr Michael Wells Partner, MinterEllison Education Consulting
11:00am–11:15am	MORNING TEA	
11:15am–12:15pm	**Achieving Together** Professor Dominique Parrish Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic – Torrens University	**The Course Lifecycle Within the Provider Lifecycle** Dr Michael Tomlinson Consultant, Higher Education
12:15pm–1:00pm	**Book Launch**	**HEPP-QN Engagement: Break-out groups** The Steering Group members will lead break-out groups in which member institutes will provide feedback on key points from the 2-day forum sessions, reflect on 10 years of collaboration and discuss how HEPP-QN institutions will continue to achieve together.
1:00pm–2:00pm	LUNCH	
2:00pm–3:00pm	**HEPP-QN Completion Project Report** Professor Jane Fernandez	**Panel 2: GAI** Institutional Representatives on GAI Action Plan
3:00pm–4:00pm	**Panel 1: Student Support** **Associate Professor Daniel Johnston** (Director of Learning and Teaching, Head School of Education at Excelsia College), **Dr Alistair Symons** (Deputy Vice President Learning & Standards at Alphacrucis), **Ms Tess Coughlan** (Quality and Accreditation Manager at Australian Institute of Business), **Dr Glenda Hepplewhite** (Director of Governance and Quality at Navitas) The panel will consider challenges and interventions in respect to student support in the light of the Student Support Policy.	**Student Support Report** Student support and wellbeing Survey findings and institutional responses
4:00pm–4:30pm	**Assessment Reform** (HEPP-QN GAI National Survey)	**Pathway Programs to Higher Education** Dr Daisy William ELICOS Program Director Enabling pathways to higher education
4:30pm	**De-brief and close**	
5:30pm	INFORMAL NETWORKING DINNER	

HEPP-QN National Steering Group

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Thank you to all speakers, presenters, facilitators, members and guests!

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