

Legal Studies Conference 2025

Cairns Program

Thursday 19 June 2025, Cairns Nguma-Bada Campus, Smithfield D003 - 054

TIME	ACTIVITY
8.30	Schools to arrive at 8.30am for registration. Conference will commence at 9am sharp
9.00 – 9.05	Opening of Conference and Welcome by Head of Law
9.05 - 9.15	Welcome to Country
9.15 – 9.45	Topic 1: The Judiciary & Human Rights Presented by: The Honourable Judge Patricia Cope of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
9.45 - 10.15	Topic 2: Experiences of a Criminal Lawyer Presented by: Mr Simon Bright – Regional Manager at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (ATSILS)
10.15 - 10.35	Morning Tea Break
10.40 - 10.50	Why Study Law? Presented by: Dr Neil Dunbar Introduction to the JCU NOW Program Presented by: Ms Elizabeth Kalas from JCU Future Students
10.50 - 11.00	Student Meet and Greet Activity
11.00 - 11.45	Topic 3: Panel Q&A Discussion on Youth Justice & Human Rights Topic: Youth Justice & Human Rights Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jon Hanley – Office of Director of Public Prosecutions - Finn Chambers, Department of Justice • Ms Hayley Fox – Criminal Lawyer at Legal Aid Queensland • Ms Hayley Grainger - Principal Solicitor & Acting Director at North Queensland Women's Legal Service (NQWLS) • Mr Simon Bright – Regional Manager at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (ATSILS)
11.45 - 12.15	Lunch - Subway provided by JCU
12.20 - 12.30	What's it like being a law student at JCU? Presentation and Q&A from the JCULSS, Law Students Society
12.30 - 12.50	Topic 4: International Law & Human Rights Presented by: Professor Gary Meyers, Professor of Law; and Fellow Cairns Institute at James Cook University
12.50 - 13.10	Topic 5: First Nations Right to Self Determination & Human Rights – 'Gugu Badhun Self-Determination' Presented by: Ms Thelma Swartz, Principal Legal Officer at Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service (QIFVILS)
13.10 - 13.15	Closing remarks presented by Head of Law
13.15	Conference Closed