

Legal Studies Conference 2025

Townsville Program

Thursday 12 June 2025, Sir George Kneipp Auditorium, Building 26-002

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 Magistrate Cathy McLellan
9.45 - 10.15	Topic 2: Criminal Law & Human Rights Presented by: Mr Mathai Joshi - Senior Associate at Connolly Suthers Lawyers
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 Susan Hatherell from the JCU NOW Program
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 Andrew Lowrie - Legal Practice Manager at the Office of Director of Public Prosecutions - Finn Chambers, Department of Justice • Mr Nicolas Douglas - A/Principal Lawyer at Legal Aid Queensland • Ms Lorelei Billing - Solicitor at the Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (ATSILS) • Ms Filitsa Kounias - Law Lecturer at James Cook University
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: First Nations Right to Self Determination & Human Rights – 'Gugu Badhun Self-Determination' Presented by: Dr Janine Gertz - Research Fellow at Centre for Indigenous Futures, University of Queensland
12.50 - 13.10	Topic 5: The United Nations & Human Rights – 'Australia's Compliance with International Human Rights Laws' Presented by: Dr Bill Mitchell OAM - Principal Solicitor at Townsville Community Law
13.10 - 13.15	Closing remarks presented by Head of Law
13.15	Conference Closed