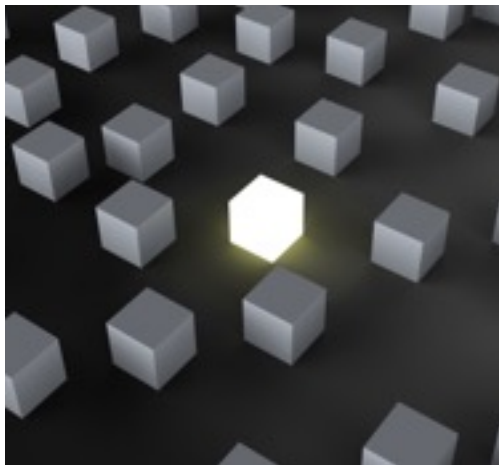


2015

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Australia



The Human
Element



Tools & strategies



Stream B - Aimed at New Colleges considering the Alesco Journey

Understanding: The history, philosophy and aims and why community colleges or not for profits do it best. What an Alesco is & what it is not & why each Alesco is a little bit different

Planning: The fit with your community, the fit with your college, what do the local stats and demographics tell you, what do you tell or ask of the key stakeholders, the implications for you, school zoning issues, your Board, your staff, your reputation and profile, your existing students, your partners, your business and strategic direction



“Taking Care”

Being a functional teacher and role model is a vital part of creating both resilient students and educators.

There is a clear link between staff mental health and student health & wellbeing.

This session will give you practical ideas to look after your own wellbeing be it your first, second or fifteenth year of teaching

Nicki Sloss. AIS

NB. This training is fully accredited by the AIS.

“Resource Round Table”

This session aims to provide some time for the sharing of positive ideas and resources.

The session will be structured so that teachers have time to converse with others teaching the same subjects.

I ask that every participant bring an original unit of work/ lesson/ set of class sheets etc, that can be shared – for each subject that you teach. So bring and brag, your great resources!

The focus is on what works, and helping each other.

Please ensure you bring (or send through early) your items for sharing.

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“leadership development in a non traditional school setting”

This session covers areas such as: Creating ownership and assessing and working with the influence a community college overlay may have on Alesco school leadership & therefore the need to acknowledge the different styles or approaches that different Alescos may take and who is best placed to develop us professionally

Valerieanne Byrnes
Western College Alesco
Learning Centre

Day 1 Thursday the 25th of June



Your Hosts:

Rowan Radvan - Co-Founder of the Alesco Model & Principal, Alesco Senior College/General Manager, WEA Hunter

Wendy Ratcliffe - Co-Founder of the Alesco Model & Project Officer WEA Hunter Foundation, with 10 years experience as Head teacher.

9:00 – Registration, Tea and coffee

9:15 – Welcome & Opening Address – Rowan Radvan, Principal, Alesco Senior College & General Manager, WEA Hunter

9:20 – Opening address: Associate Professor Seamus Fagan – Centre for English Language and Foundation Studies Academic Division, University of Newcastle

11:15 - 11.30 - Morning Tea

Stream A

11:30 – 1:00

“Taking Care” – Nicki Sloss –
Association of Independent Schools

Stream B

11:30 – 1:00

Understanding Alesco –
Rowan Radvan, Principal, Alesco Senior
College & General Manager, WEA Hunter

1.00pm - 1.40 - Lunch

1:40 – 2:30

Resource Round Table – Kelly White– Alesco
Senior College

1:40 – 2:30

How to plan for an Alesco; Due Diligence –
Rowan Radvan – Principal, Alesco Senior
College, General Manager, WEA Hunter

2:30 - 2:45 - Afternoon Tea

2:45 – 4:00

leadership development in a non traditional school setting – Valerieanne Byrnes– Principal, Western
College Alesco Learning Centre

7:00 - Conference Dinner - Customs House

9:00 – Registration, Tea and coffee

9:15 – 10:30

Effective Relationships, Key Gatekeepers & the crystal ball – Rhonda Thearle, Head teacher – Alesco Illawarra

10:30 - 10:45 - Morning Tea

Stream A

10:45 – 12:30

Crisis Management –

Tim Connell – Association of Independent Schools

Stream B

10:45 – 12:30

What you and you Board need to know about

Alesco –Rowan Radvan – Principal, Alesco Senior College, General Manager, WEA Hunter

12.30pm - 1.30pm - Lunch- Conversation with Tim Crakanthorp, State member for Newcastle

1:30 – 3:00

Karpman Drama Triangle –

Justin Henderson, Campus Coordinator –Alesco Senior College, Raymond Terrace

1:30 – 3:00

What you and your Board need to do about

Alesco – Rowan Radvan – Principal, Alesco Senior College, General Manager, WEA Hunter

3:00 - 3:15 - Afternoon Tea

3:15 – 3:30

Plenary and Next Year’s Conference discussion

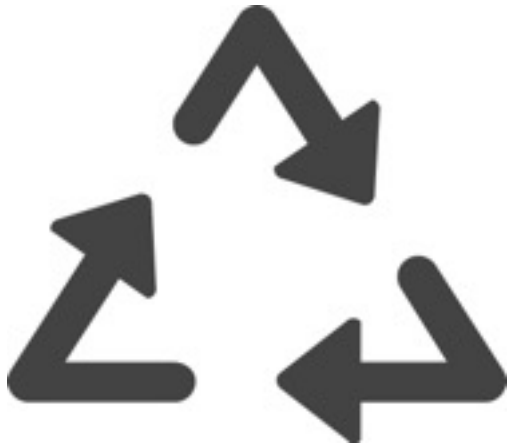
3:30 - End and safe journey home to all...

“We are absolutely delighted to invite you to this year’s program which offers two very distinct streams. The first is to re-energise ourselves and take stock of all of the wonderful things that we are doing to make a real difference for young people who deserve a learning journey with a difference.

The second stream is all about letting people know how they might take on the very fulfilling role of establishing an Alesco School....enjoy!”

Ben Grushka
Executive Director
WEA Hunter Foundation

**Day 2
Friday the
26th of
June**



Effective Relationships, Key Gatekeepers & the crystal ball!

Student & Staff wellbeing is at the core of success for our Alesco Schools. By becoming better able to read the signs and see whats coming we are more able to take a proactive approach to day to day school management and thereby ensure our 'people' are looked after.

Participants will be encouraged to share their experiences and actively contribute to the session

***Rhonda Thearle, Head teacher
Alesco Illawarra***

"The Drama Triangle in the Alesco Model"

This session will delve into some of the complexities of Karpman's transactional analysis theories and will include practical demonstrations and workshops on effective communication. Every day Alesco staff are part of complex communication processes, and we often find ourselves or our students 'jumping on the triangle'.

This session will attempt to simplify these into tools that can be used for solving listening, communication, and accountability problems in our relationships at work and even at home.

Each participant will be given a summary paper to take away from the session.

Justin Henderson, Campus Coordinator - Alesco Senior College, Raymond Terrace

Effectively Managing Crisis Incidents

Effective crisis management is a key feature of specialist settings supporting students with emotional/behavioural disturbance. This session will focus on the evidence base informing crisis management including pre crisis and post crisis protocols

Tim Connell - AIS

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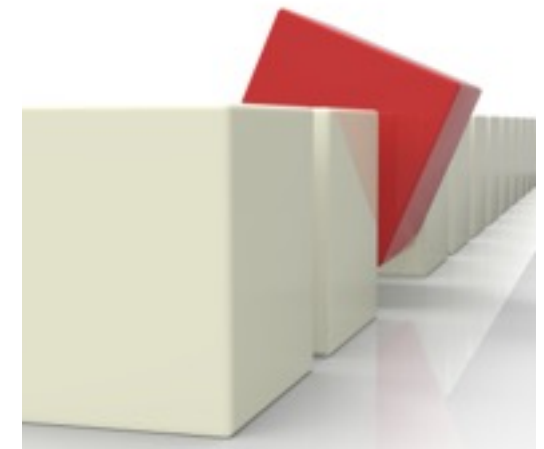
Stream B - Aimed at New Colleges considering the Alesco Journey

What your board need to know: Legal and statutory obligations and compliance, best practice principles, insurance & legal status, space, resources & personnel....where you are and where you want to be.

What the Board need to do: Formally commit; seek endorsement, include in strategic and business plan, draft a budget, lodge application with BOSTES, prepare for BOSTES inspections, secure human and physical resources, remember it's a school and not a trial or pilot project or business unit/venture & communicate, communicate, communicate! -

Rowan Radvan - Principal, Alesco Senior College, General Manager, WEA Hunter

Gaining support to be able to give support



Homework...

Effective Relationships – Key Gatekeepers

Bring your Ideas, strategies, experiences, questions and ready to share!

AND

“The Drama Triangle in the Alesco Model” - be prepared to get involved

“Resource Round Table”

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“Taking Care”

Please read the professional readings that have been supplied to more fully prepare yourself for this session.

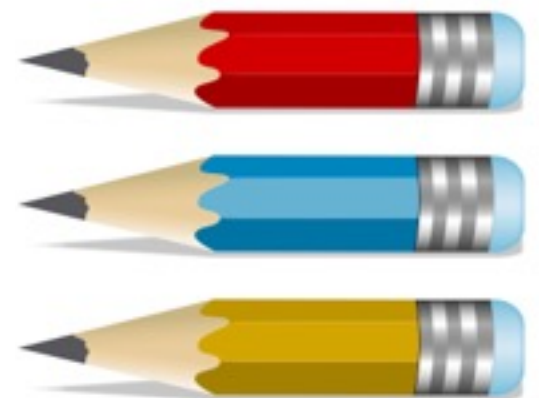
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Schools Showcase & Expression of Interest:

Your School Showcase plus any presentation etc. you wish to use & your expression of interest for holding next years conference.

See the next two pages for details about both of these items if you are unsure



The Schools showcase... Looking for inspiration? You might want to consider including:

- When you started operation
- A brief description or some images of your environment
- A brief description of the young people you target or who seek inclusion at your school
- A breakdown of your staffing
- The subjects and stages you offer
- The extracurricular activities you offer
- Any celebrations of important events for the year
- Overall what it is you feel works best in your Alesco model – this could be subject based or a special partnership with other services in your area or any additional projects or programmes you run to help your YP
- A message from your students to other Alesco students
- The most rewarding thing about being a part of the Alesco family
- The most challenging thing about being a part of the Alesco family
- How your Alesco model has grown and changed over the years

If you intend to use a PowerPoint presentation please forward this to me prior to.... So that I can have it ready to go for you for Thursday morning



***“The Schools Showcase...
Always a highlight!”***



What have you got to share? how has your year been since we last caught up?

Expressions of interest

You are invited to consider hosting next year's Alesco Conference. Each year we hope to invite all our schools to think about whether you would like to be more involved in the conference planning and conference flavour by holding it in your own town, your own patch.

Please consider making a modest five minute presentation as an Expression of Interest and we will put this to the group for consideration, discussion and decision as a whole group at this year's conference.

Obviously, Alesco Senior College will remain involved in support of the conference but you will certainly be able to introduce your own flavour and impact to the next conference.

So, why not put something together that broadly addresses these considerations:

- Organisation name
- Conference venue
- Proposed conference dates
- Conference theme
- Potential conference topics
- Potential accommodation
- Transport options
- What especially do you have to offer: the pitch

As the principal Alesco Conference co-ordinator, we will assist you with:-

- Accessing presenters
- Promotion
- Sponsorship
- Engaging conference attendees.

If you are interested in this possibility for your organisation, please address you EOI to Ben Grushka and have it to us by June 20th; we look forward to your input!

**Watch this
space...**



Registration Details

Individual days:

Day 1 - \$120.00

Day 2 - \$100.00

OR

Full 2 day program - \$220.00

Additional cost:

**Conference Dinner, fully catered
at Custom's House - \$68.00**

Registration & payment will be available online on request. Please contact Wendy on wratcliffe@weahunter.edu.au for the online registration details.

Please make sure you indicate the number of attendees & which days you intend to attend e.g. "2 X full 2 day program & conference dinner" and Wendy will organise a specific link & code for your individual or organisations registration

Where to stay

The Ibis Newcastle

700 Hunter Street Newcastle West - \$109.00

Travelodge Newcastle

Corner Of King And Steel Street, Newcastle West - \$139.00

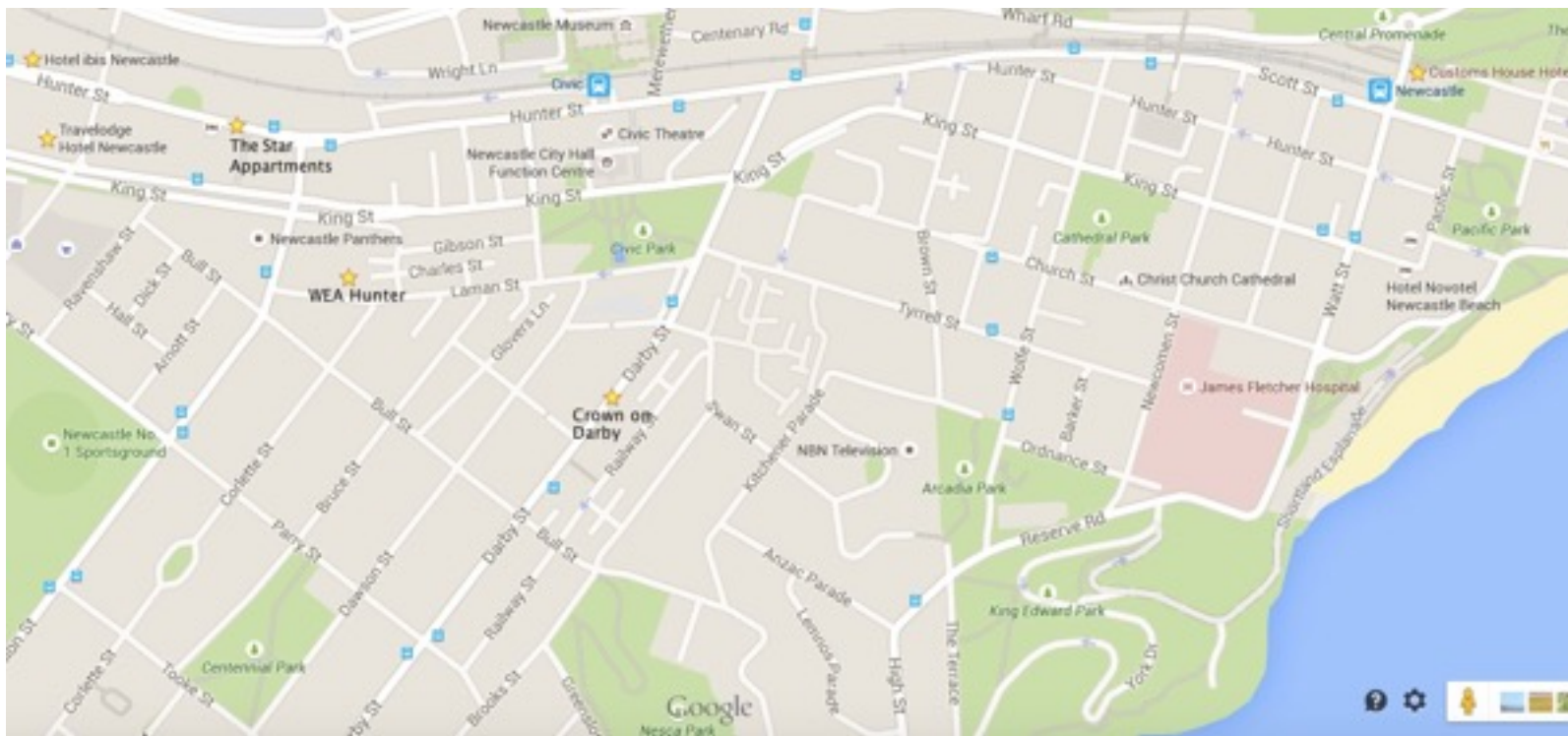


Crown on Darby

101 Darby Street, Cooks Hill
\$125.00

The Star Apartments

569 Hunter Street Newcastle West
\$165.00



“Where am I going...”

Everything is within walking distance from the conference venue, including Custom’s House, that being said though should you require transport this can be arrange in advance

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