

SIEBA Hui Conference Programme

Wednesday 13 May 2026

8:00 am	Registration Exhibition Hall Open - with a special performance by the Chamber School Choir at Cashmere High School						
8:50 am	Powhiri - Whitiora & the Bilingual Unit at Saint Albans School						
9:00 am	MC Welcome - Jehan Casinader						
9:10 am	Welcome: SIEBA - John van der Zwan						
9:15 am	Prime Minister of New Zealand - The Rt Hon Christopher Luxon, The Minister of Education - Erica Stanford (via video)						
9:30 am	Education New Zealand Manapou ki te Ao - Dr Linda Sissons						
9:40 am	Keynote - International Education in Focus: The State of the Nation. John van der Zwan						
10:25 am	Sponsor - Student Safe						
10:30 am	NETWORKING MORNING TEA EXHIBITION HALL						
11:00 am	Concurrent Sessions - One						
	Financial Management Strategies for International Education in Aotearoa: Insights from the Data. Dr Yinka Moses - Victoria University	Partnering with Agents for Success. Dr Pii-Tuulia Nikula - Eastern Institute of Technology	Showcasing Aotearoa: Strategic Agent Famils for Effective Partnerships. Jennifer Kirkham & Giuliana Silveira - SIEBA. Stefi Porter - Christchurch Educated	Boosting Your Return on Investment Agent Workshops. Samantha Sequiera - Study Travel Network.	Accommodation: Training & Cultural Support - Preparing Host Families and Knowing Your Learner.	Immigration New Zealand Update. Celia Coombes - Immigration New Zealand	Connected Pathways: Partnering to Deliver Quality Outcomes for International Students. Julia Innocente-Jones - UCIC. Darren Conway - English NZ. Daryl Street - Lincoln University
11:50 am	SHORT BREAK						
12:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions - Two						
	International Students & the Law. Tim Conder - Holland Beckett Lawyers	From Silo to System: A 4C Ecosystem Approach to Embedding International Education in School Practice. Dr Colin Kennedy - Creative HQ	Agent Panel: Insights from the Front Line of International Recruitment. Giuliana Silveria - SIEBA. Mareike Ulfers - Study Nelson. Katia Lustosa - Discovery Education. Yuka Matsuzaki - Empowerment Ed	The China Student Journey: A Complete Strategy from Awareness to Enrolment. Professor Nicolas Chu - Sinorbis	Accommodation: Setting Expectations & Designing Student Centred Experiences.	Bridging The Gap: Understanding Chinese Students Through Cultural Educational Contexts. Helen He - Greenbay Primary School	Global Competence in International Education. Carla Rey Vasquez, Marcela Lapertosa & Fran Baxter - Value Learning
12:50 pm	NETWORKING LUNCH EXHIBITION HALL						
1:40 pm	Concurrent Sessions - Three						
	Whats Reasonable? Discretion Indiscretions When Managing Complaints. Samantha de Coning - Fair Way - kia tau and Study Complaints	What Matters When Families Enquire: Global Insights from the Enquiry Experience Benchmark. Hayley Shields & Carly PUNCHER - Edified	China Partnerships: Are We Doing It Right - and Can We Do It Better? Alistair Crozier - New Zealand China Council. Jan Fitz-Gerald - Institute of Global Engagement. Liyang Ma - Fonterra. Giuliana Silveria - SIEBA	Education New Zealand.	Boarding Hostels & International Students: Legalities, Compliance & Frameworks. Tim Conder - Holland Beckett Lawyers	Admission Processes: Weaving It All Together.	From Coverage to Care: Safeguarding the Wellbeing of Your International Students. Dominique Trueman & Alex Kotiah - Student Safe
2:30 pm	NETWORKING AFTERNOON TEA EXHIBITION HALL						
2:50 pm	Two Student Voices Two Journeys One Aotearoa - Kvie Nguyen & Kien Ngo						
3:00 pm	Government Perspectives on International Education: Policy, Practice & Priorities. INZ - Celia Coombes, NZQA - Emily Fabling, ENZ - Dr Linda Sissons, MoE.						
3:40 pm	Keynote - Embrace Infinite Possibilities. James Laughlin						
4:30 pm	MC - Jehan Casinader						
6:00 pm	Networking Drinks						
6:30-11:00 pm	Awards Dinner						

- Primary & Intermediate Schools Focus
- Accommodation Focus
- 9:00 am - 10:00 am Wellbeing: Breathwork & Gong Sound Journey Session (limited spaces)

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8:00 am	Registration Exhibition Hall Open							
8:30 am	MC Welcome - Jehan Casinader							
8:40 am	Good on you, Mate! What Studying Abroad in New Zealand Really Teaches You. Sandeep Sharma.							
8:55 am	Keynote - AI Under One Sky: Rethinking Education and the Future of Work. Dr Mahsa McCauley							
9:45 am	Sponsor Presentation							
9:50 am	SHORT BREAK							
10:00 am	Concurrent Sessions - Four							
	Leading with Insight: How Psychometric Profiling Transforms Personal & Professional Growth in Education. Marina Shearer - Profile Coaching, Amira Aman - Leadership Development	Partnering With Education Agents: Why, Who & How? Myriam Marchand - ICEF	Finance Matters - Strengthening Your Departments Financial Performance. Cheryl English - Shirley Boys' High School & Avonside Girls' High School. Leanne Reynolds - Rototuna Junior High School	Asian Family Services. Alex Wang - Asian Family Services	Homestays Made Simple: Managing Accommodation in eSchool. Jane Thomas & Toni Richardson - eSchool	Beyond Compliance: Strengthening Pastoral Care for International Students	Self-Reviews Superpowers: Know Your Impact, Grow Your Impact. Jennifer Kirkham - SIEBA	
10:50 am	NETWORKING MORNING TEA EXHIBITION HALL							
11:20 am	Concurrent Sessions - Five							
	Managing International Group Programmes: Financial Viability, Compliance & Operational Logistics. John van der Zwan - SIEBA	Retention Before Recruitment: 30 Years of Hard Lessons in International Education for New Zealand Schools. Richard Kensington	International Market Share of New Zealand Schools: A Competitive Perspective. Anna Rubalsky - School Focus	Preparing International Students for Success: A Successful Australian Model. David Ferguson, John Paul College, Australia	There Is Someone New In My Family. Engaging Young Siblings in Cultural Learning. Carla Ray Vasquez, Marcela Lapertosa & Fran Baxter - Value Learning	Now You're A Signatory: Starting Your International Education Journey with Confidence.	Beyond Welcome: Building Belonging for International Students. Carolyn Black - Grow Daily	
12:10 pm	SHORT BREAK							
12:20 pm	Concurrent Sessions - Six							
	Brace for Impact: Critical Incident Management. Myles Noble - Unicare. John van der Zwan - SIEBA	What does Generative AI Say About Your School? Dr Pii-Tuulia Nikula - Eastern Institute of Technology	Strengthening Connections: Collaborative Experiences in Kiwi Edlink Schools. Anne Henwood ++	Safeguarding Your School's Reputation: Rethinking International Student Readiness in the co-requisite Era. Brett McGeorge - AEAS	Managing Accommodation: A Good Practice & Sharing Session.	Learning Under One Sky: Practical Strategies for Teaching International Learners. Dr Judith Anthony - Aidanfield Christian School	Independent Schools: Collective Efficacy in International Education. Guy Pascoe - Independent Schools of New Zealand. Helen Richardson - Richardson International Education Consultancy	
1:10 pm	NETWORKING LUNCH EXHIBITION HALL							
2:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions - Seven							
	Peter Petrichev - Regional Focus	Friend Raising: Developing Lasting Relationships with Agents. Chris Klaassen - Avondale College	Under Construction	Tertiary Pathways for International Students: Meeting Academic & English Needs. Kim Wall - LENZ ++	Accommodation Agencies: A Good Practice Framework	Clarity Creates Confidence: Procedures That Power Efficiency, Compliance & Seamless Succession. Jennifer Kirkham - SIEBA	International Students in Boarding Hostels: A Good Practice & Sharing Session	
2:50 pm	SHORT BREAK							
3:00 pm	Keynote - Protecting What Matters Most: Your Attention & Connection. Dr Denise Quinlan							
3:50 pm	MC Close of HUI - Jehan Casinader							
4:00 pm	NETWORKING AFTERNOON TEA FOYER							

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SIEBA Hui Online Series

Online sessions planned ahead of the HUI

A selection of online pre-HUI sessions planned. Topics and presenters are currently being confirmed.

Thursday 23 April | 11:00 am

Drama for Deeper Learning: Unlocking Voice and Confidence
in International Students

Patrick Pheasant

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Read about the session
[**HERE**](#)

Tuesday 28 April | 11:00 am

Information Session: Orientation for First-Time Hui Attendees

Melissa Heyrick

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Thursday 30 April | 11:00 am

Beyond Rainbow Flags: Duty of Care for International
LGBTIQA+ Students (In School & Beyond)

Patrick Pheasant / LanguageCert

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