The theme of the 2017 conference is: “Courage is the Key” – Do the thing you think you cannot do! (Eleanor Roosevelt)

Catholic primary School Principals in Victoria are facing challenging situations every day with enormous workloads and many extreme pressures. Principal Health & Wellbeing is a major focus of the VACPSP Inc in 2016 and beyond. Principals realise that they are not alone, they have a voice to stand up to some of the changes thrust upon them & impact on the ultimate goal – educating our children.

The conference will bring together the following experts in their field that have faced adversity and found a way through. Delegates will hear methodologies to implement at their schools and personally to lift performance levels, change cultures & renew energetic environments.

**Hugh Van Cuylenburg: The Resilience Project Director.** Starting out as a primary teacher, Hugh moved to working in a secondary setting with disengaged adolescents. The highlight of his career, was the year in the far north of India volunteering and living at an underprivileged school in the Himalayas. It was here that he discovered resilience in its purest form. Hugh’s presentations emphasise the value of gratitude, empathy and mindfulness.

**Brendan Spillane:** Brendan uses a powerful blend of story, metaphor and humour to create the conditions for a more authentic and insightful dialogue in groups. His professional expertise includes cultural change, establishing feedback systems that work and supporting people to develop the skills to lead crucial conversations effectively.

**Lucas Patchett & Nicholas Marchesi: Young Australians of the Year**
Social entrepreneurs & best mates, Nic Marchesi and Lucas Patchett built a free mobile laundry in their old van to help the homeless. Orange Sky Laundry began in September 2014 and since then, the world first idea has rapidly expanded to five vans in Brisbane, Melbourne, South East Victoria, Sydney and the Gold Coast.

**Peter Baines: Leadership Matters**
Peter Baines is our country’s ‘Socialpreneur’. A former police officer, he is the founder of ‘Hands Across the Water’, the country’s fastest growing boutique charity. Without spending a cent of his donors’ money, Peter raised over $1.5 million in just three years to support children who were orphaned in Thailand when the Tsunami hit on Boxing Day 2004. His incredible work continues.

**Holly Ransom:** Holly is the CEO of Emergent, a company specialising in the development of high performing intergenerational workforces, leadership and social outcomes. Holly is renowned for generating innovative solutions to complex multi-stakeholder problems for corporations, governments and non-profit organisations.

**Anthony Semann: MC & Keynote**
Anthony is one of the Directors and founders at Semann & Slattery. Anthony has an exceptional capacity to challenge organisations and people to reflect on how their approaches to communication, leadership, diversity, values, relationships and workplace culture affect their services, businesses and ultimately the community.

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