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Blackboard’s Teaching and Learning Conference 2018 to Address Challenges and Future of Education in the ANZ Region

Education leaders and experts to gather for Blackboard’s annual conference in Brisbane

SYDNEY, 16 August, 2018 – Blackboard’s flagship Teaching & Learning Conference Australia and New Zealand, recognised as a leading edtech event in the region, is taking place from 29 to 31 August 2018 in Brisbane. The event will bring together educators, administrators and industry experts to address the critical challenges impacting today’s fast-changing world of education, promote knowledge sharing and acknowledge best-practices utilizing technology to drive student learning, progression and success.

This event will be held at the Hilton Brisbane and will showcase over 40 technical, business and industry focussed sessions, in addition to featuring a number of key Blackboard partner solutions on the exhibition floor. Topics to be covered include improving the accessibility of education, student success and retention, learning analytics, optimizing the student experience, leading institutional change and the path to readiness for a successful SaaS migration.

This year, keynotes will be delivered by:

- **Professor Kevin Bell** – Pro-Vice Chancellor of Digital Futures, Western Sydney University
- **Danny Munnerley** - Head of Learning Environments and Innovation, James Cook University
- **Kurt Fearnley OAM** – Paralympic Gold medallist
- **Kathy Vieira** – Chief Portfolio Officer, Blackboard
- **Lee Blakemore** – President, Global Client, Operations and Success, Blackboard
- **Phill Miller** – Chief Learning & Innovation Officer, Blackboard

“Each year we focus on discussing the most pressing challenges institutions are facing and how transformative technologies will impact the higher education landscape,” said Phill Miller, Chief Learning & Innovation Officer at Blackboard. “This year will be no different. We’ve closely collaborated with clients from top institutions across the region to create a three-day program that will tackle these tough subjects and more. In sharing the latest updates from Blackboard, we believe the Teaching and Learning Conference reinforces our

reputation as an innovative industry leader with our clients, partners and prospects in the education community across Australia and New Zealand.”

In addition to learning about the latest in education technology, highlights at this year’s conference include:

- Opportunities to meet Blackboard industry partners, including Amazon Web Services, Kaltura, Mediasite by Sonic Foundry, Echo360 and Turnitin and learn how their cutting-edge products complement Blackboard solutions
- Hands-on UX Lab offering in-depth technology training and demo sessions on future tools
- Interactive User Group sessions on Akari, Kaltura, Blackboard Learn, Blackboard Collaborate and Blackboard Analytics to find out more how these solutions can help institutions solve some of the critical issues they are facing
- Community Knowledge Bar where attendees can meet one-on-one with Blackboard product experts, and connect with the Blackboard community

The event will be preceded by several pre-conference activities for developers and delegates to become better acquainted with Blackboard’s portfolio, taking place on 28 and 29 August 2018:

- [DevCon 2018](#) - for developers and administrators to get the latest about Blackboard’s solutions (event held at The University of Queensland)
- [Academic Adoption Workshop](#) - for learning designers and advisors, education developers, lecturers and support teams to get suggestions on how to improve technology adoption and evaluate key pedagogical practices (event held at The University of Queensland)
- [Moodlerooms Enterprise Client Day](#) - for Moodlerooms Enterprise clients to discuss and learn about future developments (event held at Hilton Brisbane)

For more information or to register please visit: <http://bbtlcanz.com/tlcanz/register/>

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Our mission is to partner with the global education community to enable learner and institutional success, leveraging innovative technologies and services. With an unmatched understanding of the world of the learner, the most comprehensive student-success solutions, and the greatest capacity for innovation, Blackboard is education’s partner in change.