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## Inaugural ACEL Early Childhood Conference to commence this week

The Australian Council for Educational Leaders inaugural 2016 Early Childhood Conference gets underway at the BCEC this week. This two-day event will run on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th July.

The conference is for Early Childhood educational leaders across the country and wider Asia-Pacific region. Over 500 delegates from all states and territories as well as Singapore and China, will be attending the conference. Delegates are also representing the government, independent and catholic sectors and are working to educate children from 0 to 7 years of age.

The Honourable Kate Jones MP, QLD Minister for Education, will officially open the conference at 9.00 AM on Thursday 28th July.

The program includes keynote addresses from John Medina, Edward Melhuish and Susan Prentice, who are recognised as some of the worlds leading early childhood educational professionals. Other keynote presenters include Nina Sajaniemi, Kerry Arabena, Joce Nuttall and Maggie Dent.

ACEL CEO Aasha Murthy states "Our Early Childhood Conference gives educational leaders working and supporting the education of children from 0 to 7 with the opportunity to hear from global thought leaders as well as practitioners, showcasing best practice at the school and system level. Engaging with these international and national leaders will encourage delegates to reflect on what they are doing and how to make early childhood education even better"

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