

Queensland Independent Schools SUMMIT

REPUTATION
AND TRUST

GUEST SPEAKER



Craig Merritt

Principal, John Paul College

Mr Craig Merritt is an experienced Principal with teaching and learning experience in co-educational schools spanning more than 30 years. Craig is dedicated to inclusive and diverse leadership within a modern multifaith context. He is a reputation for nurturing academic excellence and building a strong sense of community.

After graduating from the University of Queensland, Craig commenced his teaching career at Ipswich State High School, before moving into leadership positions at Hillbrook Anglican School and Whitsunday Anglican School. Craig was Principal of St Luke's Anglican School in Bundaberg for six years. In 2023, Craig commenced as the sixth Principal of John Paul College.

Craig's guiding philosophy is providing an environment where students feel empowered to develop a keen sense of positive character, to be optimism, to show compassion and to strive for excellence – ultimately becoming instruments of positive influence within their communities.

Qualifications: BA, Dip Ed, MEd (Leadership and Management)