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Joanne Sheehy is the Principal of A.B. Paterson College on the Gold Coast and a respected educational leader within Queensland's independent schooling sector. Joanne is responsible for high-level strategic direction for the College, ensuring a strong culture of academic excellence, character development and student growth.

A passionate advocate for evidence based teaching, Joanne leads curriculum innovation through Harvard's Teaching for Understanding framework, ensuring learning from Prep to Year 12 is purposeful, future focused, and responsive to student needs. Equally committed to staff development, she champions ongoing professional learning that empowers teachers to refine their practice, embrace innovation, and continue to grow as educational leaders.

Under Joanne's guidance, A.B. Paterson College is striving to become a leading voice in the integration of generative artificial intelligence in education, notably through forums that connect educators from across Queensland to explore curriculum design, wellbeing, security, and academic integrity in the age of AI.

Winner of the Gold Coast Woman of the Year Award in Education, Joanne is known for her collaborative and values driven leadership style. She remains deeply committed to fostering a progressive educational environment where every student can graduate with the confidence and competence to thrive in an ever evolving world.