

# Queensland Independent Schools SUMMIT

REPUTATION  
AND TRUST

## GUEST SPEAKER



### **Anna Bligh AC** Former Queensland Premier

Anna Bligh is a widely recognised Australian leader and proud mother of two sons. Until 2012, when she moved to NSW, Anna had lived in Queensland all her life. From her school days and then at Queensland University (UQ), Anna displayed a burning desire to make a difference. With passion, commitment and leadership, she strived to make Australia a better place.

In 2007 Anna became the first female Premier of Queensland, but her legacy will be the exceptional leadership she provided during the flood and storm disasters of 2011. Her presence and compassion reassured Queenslanders that help was on its way. Reconstruction of homes, businesses and infrastructure was her priority, and Anna led the restoration charge, never shirking accountability.

Anna entered politics in 1995 and held major portfolios where her energy and drive delivered significant policy reforms. In Education, she drove early childhood learning reforms. As Treasurer and Premier, she oversaw Australia's largest infrastructure program, including new export capacity, major roads, public transport and a \$9bn Water Grid. She also championed social reform, environmental initiatives and governance improvements.

Anna holds an Honorary Doctorate from UQ and Australia's National Emergency Medal. Since 2017, she has led the Australian Banking Association through critical reform. Anna is the author of *Through the Wall* and a Companion of the Order of Australia.