

Queensland Independent Schools SUMMIT

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GUEST SPEAKER



Dr Jenny Donovan
Chief Executive Officer

Dr Jenny Donovan is the inaugural CEO of the Australian Education Research Organisation. Prior to this role, she established and led the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) as Executive Director for eight years.

Dr Donovan began her career as a high school teacher in Sydney's western suburbs. She has worked in a number of education roles in operational and policy areas, including some years as Deputy Director of a not-for-profit education assessment agency at the University of New South Wales.

In 2023, she was a member of Professor Mark Scott's Teacher Education Expert Panel which delivered recommendations for reform to Initial Teacher Education that were accepted by Australia's Education Ministers. As a result, an evidence-based core curriculum will be implemented in all initial teacher education.

In 2024, Jenny was appointed as an Adjunct Associate Professor at La Trobe University's School of Education.

Jenny holds a Bachelor of Arts with a Diploma of Education from Macquarie University, an MA (Hons) from UNSW and a PhD in history from the University of Sydney.