

## National Boys' Education Conference K-12

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### Boosting boys' achievements

#### What is the well-educated boy?

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Dr Hawkes' presentation will focus on the question 'When is it that teachers can say they have educated a boy well?' This question has been thrown into sharper focus by NAPLAN tests in Australia and by the *MySchool* website which purports to rank schools on their educational effectiveness. Dr Hawkes queries this form of measuring a boys' education and asks 'What should be the measure of a boy?' His paper attempts to tease out what features a boy must have if we wish to describe him as being well-educated.

This will encompass reference to the academic growth of boys and also to their social, emotional, physical and spiritual development of boys. . A number of comments will be shared on how some have sought to produce the well-educated boy.

#### BioNote

Dr Hawkes, one of Australia's well-known and experienced educators, is passionate about making education relevant to boys. He has demonstrated this through his extensive writing and media work, and through his involvement in designing a visionary manhood program, which will be introduced to The King's School in 2011.