

# NextSense Institute

## VISCON 2021 program

### Thursday 19 August 2021

Time	Content	Presenter
8:30 to 9:00	Registration	
9:00 to 9:05	Housekeeping	Trudy Smith
9:05 to 9:20	Welcome	Professor Greg Leigh
9:20 to 10:30	'Learning to Access' Lessons from learning in COVID-19 times	Dr Melissa Cain, Melissa Fanshawe and Polly Goodwin
10:30 to 11:00	Morning tea break	
11:00 to 11:20	Teaching Braille: Strategies and Resources	Tricia d'Apice
11:20 to 11:40	A Journey; Braille Maths to University level Calculus	Luke Andrews (student) and Rosemaree Wills (Vision Teacher Consultant)
11:40 to 12:20	Sonification in Education: From Outer Space to Spatial Orientation	Phia Damsma-Sonokids
12:20 to 1:30	Lunch break	
1:30 to 1:50	A Learning Triad	Leslie Thatcher and Kate Katulak - Perkins School for the Blind
1:50 to 2:10	Transition to Tertiary Program	Dominica Maloney - Vision Australia
2:10 to 2:30	Beliefs, behaviours and employability: An Australian perspective	Natalie Kaine - University of Sydney
2:30 to 2:50	Results of the Specialist Teaching Survey	Dr Sue Silveira
2:50 to 3:00	Day summation	
3:00	Program close	

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9:00 to 9:05	House keeping	Trudy Smith
9:05 to 10:30	Queen's of VI Salon Sessions	Cay Holbrook, Frances Mary d'Andrea, Penny Rosenblum, Kelly Lusk, Karen Wolffe, Frances Gentle
10:30 to 11:00	Morning tea break	
11:00 to 11:20	Building job preparedness and leadership skills in adolescents who are blind or have low vision through the use of collaboration and human-centred design	Claire Nolan - Vision Australia
11:20 to 11:40	Paving a path to employment by developing leadership and mentoring skills in young adults.	Katrina Lim and Jody Morris - Guide Dogs
11:40 to 12:00	Orientation & Mobility Success- Case Studies of Collaborative Practice with Family, Orientation & Mobility (O&M) Specialists and Vision Support Teachers in Illawarra and South Coast Schools	Paul Hartley- Guide Dogs
12:00 to 12:20	An Antipodean/Northern Lights Tale: The Role and Place of Mentorships for Young Adults with Blindness and Low Vision in Australia and Canada	Dr Melissa Cain, Melissa Fanshawe, Dr Mahadeo Sukhai and Danika Blackstock
12:20 to 1:30	Lunch break	

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1:30 to 1:50	Mathematics for Students who are Blind or have low vision	Dr Frances Gentle and Pranitha Moodley, SSSVI NextSense
1:50 to 2:10	It takes a village...	Karen Croake - Catholic Schools Office, Armidale
2:10 to 2:30	Supporting Students with Usher Syndrome	Emily Shepard and Hollie Feller - Usher Kids Australia
2:30 to 2:50	Update on national accreditation of an expanded core curriculum in senior secondary	Melissa Fanshawe
2:50 to 3:00	Day summation	
3:00	Program close	