



Adam Voigt

An educator | A leader | A passionate advocate for teachers and students

And a bloody good speaker!



Meet Adam

As a speaker, author and educator, Adam has a passion for empowering and inspiring leaders and educators to transform the way we do education in Australia.

First and foremost, Adam is a skilled classroom practitioner and highly successful school principal. His experience leading schools in some of Australia's toughest locations underpins every element of his practice. He is also a regular guest and provocative commentator in print, TV and radio.

What Adam doesn't know about making the magic of learning happen in schools is... possibly not worth knowing.

His presentations reek credibility and the humour, stories and hope behind his evidence-based approach mean his message rings true with audiences everywhere.

Adam is a real leader who walks the talk. His presentations are high-impact, engaging, provocative and exude a clear bias for change.

His determination to impact and empower all leaders is endless and this shines through each and every presentation.



ADAM'S EXPERTISE:

- Adam's School culture
- Leadership in schools
- Restorative teaching
- Student engagement
- Student behaviour & bullying
- Teacher wellbeing



Watch Adam's speaker reel

Author and Thought Leader

Author of three books, including the acclaimed *Restoring Teaching*, and creator of the teaching methodology he calls 'RP2.0,' Adam has taken to print his mission to transform education in Australia – one school at a time.

His groundbreaking book, *Real Questions for Real School Leaders*, was the first of its kind, challenging school leaders to really understand their school through what Adam calls 'School Self-Awareness.'

He also co-authored *Tackling Teacher Wellbeing*, a timely guide for school leaders looking for a more thorough, wholesome and reliable approach to improve wellbeing both in and out of the classroom.



Adam's Keynote Topics



This is Not Your School

Here's a truth we've forgotten: no school belongs to you. Not the principal, not the teachers, not the parents and not the students. Schools belong to all of us.

Yet we've drifted into an age of hyper-individualism where everyone is encouraged to stake their claim. Parents shop for the best deal. Leaders obsess over enrolments. Deficit obsessed teachers are expected to dispense a customised fix for every child. Students are positioned as currency in a toxic race for competition and prestige.

It's exhausting, it's unsustainable and it's not what schools were built for.

This keynote is a rallying cry to end the era of "mine" and begin a new frontier of "ours." Schools must reclaim their rightful identity as campfires, not vending machines – places where we gather, contribute and grow together.

If you're serious about building a school that unites rather than divides, that strengthens rather than exhausts and that belongs to everyone, then it's time to step into this collective frontier.



I felt a strong connection to what Adam was saying about changing school culture, and the way we deal with behaviour.

Adam's energy and realism is what makes him one of a kind.



You Had One Job

Do you remember a time when a School Leader's job seemed simple and straight forward? It was, you know... to lead the school! But somewhere across the years we absorbed an inordinate number of ancillary responsibilities as educators and now it can feel as though we're not specialising, making a difference in what matters or even working in our purpose. That needs to stop.

This high-energy and provocative presentation will challenge you to re-imagine your school leadership as a leader of school culture. That really can be your 'one job' if we get clear on what culture is, how it underpins every school objective, how it promotes strong practice, optimises wellbeing and why it's the practical work you were born to do in your school every single day.



*I learnt practical techniques
I could use immediately.
Fantastic stuff.*





*Adam is funny,
relatable and
very engaging.*

The Restorative Future of Student Engagement

Teaching and School Leadership isn't easy at the moment. Amidst converging challenges like teacher shortages, expanding workloads, parental mistrust and student conduct issues, it can be hard to remember why we signed up for this profession sometimes.

But there's a better way for us to meet these challenges. Practicing restoratively is an opportunity for a new level of teacher effect, reduced stress levels, meaningful work and elevated impact. And even better – it engages the students at an exponentially higher level. Sound good? This presentation is packed with practicality, provocation, laughter and story. Best of all, you'll leave with strategies you can use with success immediately.

Leading School Culture

School Culture is a topic on the lips of most contemporary Australian School Leaders. And while most agree on the importance of culture, few are clear or in agreement on what school culture actually is.

In this presentation, Adam will provide a simple and practical definition of School Culture and provide an insight into a framework that can be implemented easily and efficiently in schools to support their culture. Adam's contention is that an upgraded version of practicing restoratively – that he calls RP2.0 – is the key to creating a learning environment where all stakeholders can thrive and where the wellbeing of the staff is both respected and nurtured.





The Truth about Student Behaviour

In this highly engaging 60-minute collaborative workshop, Adam will walk participants through everything you wished you knew about why students do what they do in learning environments. The key to strategising successfully in the classroom is to fully understand your context, your students and what exactly is happening in their brains. What will surprise you is how small the resultant shifts are and how significant the return can be for teachers. Even when we encounter students who present as lazy, irresponsible or disrespectful – improvement is within your reach.



Adam is what we need in education.





Other Keynote Topics

- Cultivating Culture: Why Strong School Cultures Thrive in Challenging Times
- Leading Whole School Behaviour
- Leading a Restorative School
- The Restorative Future of Teaching

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