

THE 2024
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FLOURISHING IN LEADERSHIP

They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.
Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.
PSALM 1:3 [NLT]

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Jonathan Eckert, Ed.D.

Jon is the Copple Chair for Christians in School Leadership and Professor of Educational Leadership at Baylor University. He also serves as the Executive Director of the Baylor Center for School Leadership. He taught intermediate and middle grade students for 12 years.

After completing his doctorate at Vanderbilt University, he served at the US Department of Education in both the Bush and Obama administrations on teaching quality issues. He has won several teaching awards in higher education and has spoken to thousands of educators around the world.

Jonathan is the author of multiple books including *Just Teaching: Feedback, Engagement, & Well-Being for Each Student*, *Future Ready*, *Catalytic Improvement Communities*, *Leading Together: Teachers and Administrators Improving Student Outcomes*, *The Novice Advantage: Fearless Practice for Every Teacher*, as well as numerous other articles and books.

Mike Potter

CEO – Tyndale Group of Christian Schools (TGCS)

Mike served as Principal of Tyndale Christian School in South Australia from 2000 to 2023 and became the CEO of the Tyndale Group of Christian Schools (TGCS) in January 2024. TGCS currently oversees four schools with a total student population of 2,400. Prior to his time with Tyndale, Mike served as the Assistant Principal of a British Preparatory School in Nairobi, Kenya for thirteen years.

Mike is the author of two books, *We have a Voice (2013)* and *Life is Messy: Hope in Dark Places (2019)*. "Life is Messy" documents his very personal journey through 2015 - 2017 of his experience with life "coming undone" and then his journey of rediscovery of faith, hope and the all sufficiency of Christ.

Mike has been married to Dani for almost 40 years and they have five children and five grandchildren.

About Wellness

The wellness and resilience of a school is a critical consideration, impacting staff, students, and the wider school community. How well Principals and their Executive teams engage with, and model, personal wellbeing, will be crucial in developing a resilient and flourishing culture amongst each school's most important asset, its staff.

Based on the biblical principles of resting in green pastures and abiding by still waters, where God restores our souls, Mike unpacks a holistic, practical and biblically grounded approach to wellbeing intent on creating and sustaining wellness and resilience in schools. School leaders will be encouraged to look for the warning signs and consider the practical steps that can be taken to take care of themselves and those they lead in a sustainable way.