

FUTURIST-IN-RESIDENCE



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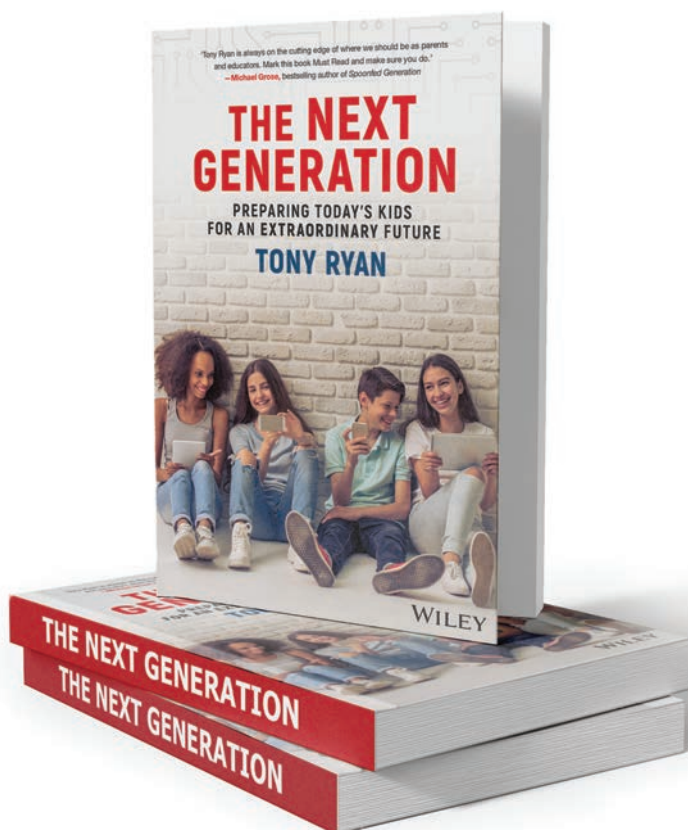
Education Futurist

Tony is an education futurist. In the past two decades, he has directly worked with over 1000 schools, colleges, businesses and universities in 12 countries around the world.

Tony is the author of the Thinkers Keys, The Ripple Effect, Mindlinks, Wrapped in Living and a series of manuals and workbooks that stimulate innovative thinking in classrooms. His latest book is 'The Next Generation: Preparing Today's Kids For An Extraordinary Future'.

He is an ambassador for School Aid Australia, a non-profit organisation that has raised over \$5 million in the past fifteen years to support children in disaster-affected regions of the world.

Tony has recently appeared extensively on radio throughout Australia and was twice featured on Channel 7's 'The Daily Edition'. His core message is that the future is meant to be a promise rather than a threat to our children.



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KEYNOTE 1

The Next Generation

Preparing today's kids for an extraordinary future.

This is Tony's signature presentation based upon his recent book. It can be adapted for educators, students and parents.

Today's global negative messages are not accurately portraying the reality of the world in its present state. While there are myriad problems facing the planet right now, there are so many more inspiring solutions being enacted in response. It's time for more of us to become

realistic optimists, and to understand how the future can be a promise rather than a threat to our children.

Be prepared for provocation and inspiration in equal measure. This series of informative and practical support mechanisms will test your limits, and inspire your heart and mind into creating those extraordinary futures we truly want for our kids.

KEYNOTE 2

A Picture Of Health: The Wellness Revolution In Education

Supporting teachers and students to become fit in body, mind and spirit.

To be a 21st century educator can be inspiring, rewarding and personally fulfilling. Unfortunately, given the onerous weight of professional responsibilities today, it also can be overwhelming and time-consuming, and can drain your motivation for life in general. In such an environment, it can become difficult to find a balance between your professional work and your outside life.

In this entertaining and practical presentation, you will be offered strategies that may help you to steadily seek that fabled balance. No quick-fixes can be, or will be, offered. The topics will include:

- The nurturing of your own physical, emotional and psychological energy on a regular basis.
- The reframing of time constraints; and dealing with the bottomless pit of endless work.
- The development of resilience and adaptive agility in response to rapid change.
- The clarification of processes that specifically help you to maintain your enthusiasm, humour and even the occasional joy in daily teaching.

KEYNOTE 3

Going To Your Head

Generating quality thinking — the most critical future capability for students.

Students in a post-Knowledge Society must engage in the richest possible intellectual rigour with their daily lessons. To explicitly involve them in higher order thinking experiences is the single most effective way to advance their learning in all fields. Rich thinking is at the heart of quality pedagogy.

This entertaining and practical workshop will provide you with many great strategies for enhancing the intellectual quality of your everyday lessons. You will be offered ideas for:

- The creation of classroom environments that inspire students to consistently engage in high order thinking and deep understanding.
- The implementation of thinking strategies within a culture of student agency and inquiry design.
- The application of a large range of effective thinking strategies that can stimulate innovative responses to local and global issues.