Walking the tightrope – getting the balance right:

Issues and challenges in education law

Numerous areas of tension exist in education and in law. Should students’ rights or those of teachers be given priority? Should parents be allowed to remove their children from the formal education system? Is limiting access to new technologies necessary to control cyber-bullying, or should technology be incorporated into the classroom? Has the legal regulation of discrimination gone too far or not far enough? Where is the balance between freedom of expression and preventing racist speech to be found? With its focus on “walking the tightrope” this conference provides an opportunity for teachers, students, parents and others involved in the education system to explore these and many other challenging educational and legal issues.

Papers which address the conference theme are invited. Papers could consider a wide variety of legal and educational issues, including: modern technology and related educational and legal issues, teachers’ rights, children’s and young persons’ rights, family law and schools, home schooling, multiculturalism, indigenous education, disability discrimination, equality and diversity, bullying, industrial relations, procedural fairness in educational institutions, legislative frameworks for education, Work Health & Safety in the context of educational institutions.

Who should attend? Teachers, lawyers, academics, educational administrators, union representatives, advocates, community organisations, tertiary students (especially those engaged in law and/or education), representatives of parent bodies, members of educational boards, counsellors and any other persons interested in the important links between education and law will benefit from attendance at this conference. Please note that it is not necessary to be a member of ANZELA to attend.

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