This year’s conference explores the numerous areas of tension that 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.

We invite the submission of abstracts for papers addressing the theme of the conference.

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.

Abstracts are to be submitted by March 18 2014.

Please submit the outline in word format, no more than 250 words and include:

- Title of proposed paper, and
- How it meets the conference theme
- Title, name and address of presenter
- Telephone and email address
- Biography of the presenting author, including position held and institution (50 words or less)
- [ ] I give permission for my abstract and or Paper to be made available to delegates online and in the Conference Handbook

The program committee will make its selection of papers for the programme and will be in touch with you by 22 April 2014.

If your proposal is accepted formatting instructions will be sent with the acceptance of your proposal.

All persons who wish to be considered to present a paper or workshop during the conference must be registered.

For further information or queries, please contact Lesley at The Meeting People.