

Key ACA Qld 2019 National Conference information

Before leaving home

What to wear

Attire for the Conference is smart casual. If you are attending the Approved Providers Panel Discussion & Lunch and Welcome Event, attire is also smart casual. If you are attending the Gala Dinner, we encourage you to wear an 'Out of This World' themed costume.

Plan your experience

Take a look at the [Conference Program](#) to start deciding which sessions you will attend. You will be provided copies of the program and the Sponsors and Exhibitors booklet so no need to print.

Conduct

Please [download](#) our suggested “**Code of Conduct for out of hours activities**” policy in preparation for the ACA Qld 2019 National Conference. You will need to contextualise this generic policy to your individual service.

The venue

Car parking

The Star Gold Coast offers an undercover car park to all guests using the facilities. Access to the carpark is via Hooker Boulevard/Nerang-Broadbeach Rd or the Gold Coast Highway and T E Peters Drive. Valet parking is also available at a nominal cost.

Other ways to get to The Star Gold Coast

The Star Gold Coast is a 30-minute drive from the Gold Coast Airport at Coolangatta and an 80-minute drive from Brisbane Airports.

Coach services, limousines and buses provide transfers from Coolangatta and Brisbane Airports. Previous delegates have recommended [Con-X-ion](#) as a provider from both Coolangatta and Brisbane Airports, however ACA Qld has no affiliation with this company.

You can use the [journey planner](#) (www.translink.com.au) to find what public transport can take you from your starting point to The Star Gold Coast.

Registration

The registration desk will be located in the Pavilion Conference Centre. Registration opens at 4:30 pm on Friday, 7:00 am on Saturday and 7:30 am on Sunday.

Luggage

The Conference Centre does not have facilities to store luggage. Please leave your luggage at your hotel or in your car.

Presentations

Some presentations provided by speakers will be available on the [Conference website](#) after the conference.

Use of social media

ACA Qld permits and encourages the use of social media such as [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), Instagram & Snapchat. Please use the official conference hashtag: **#ACAQld2019**.

Click [here](#) to read the Social Media Guidelines.

Functions

Approved Providers Panel Discussion & Lunch sponsored by Childcare Concepts

The Approved Providers Panel Discussion & Lunch will be held on Friday, 31 May 2019 at Cucina Vivo, Lobby Level, The Star Gold Coast from 10:30 to 2:00 pm. If you are an Approved Provider, then join us at our Approved Providers Panel Discussion! We are bringing together experts and influential people in the sector to discuss the latest in early childhood education and care. You will also have the chance to network with like-minded people over lunch. Pre-registration is required for this event.

Welcome Event sponsored by Storypark

The Welcome Event will be held on Friday, 31 May 2019 at The Star Grand Pool, The Star Gold Coast from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. This is the perfect opportunity to kick off a great weekend of learning and to meet and network with fellow delegates, sponsors and exhibitors.

Pre Gala Dinner Drinks

The Pre Gala Dinner Drinks will take place at the Pavilion Gallery, The Star Gold Coast on Saturday, 1 June 2019 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

'Out of This World' Gala Dinner sponsored by HESTA

The Gala Dinner will be held on Saturday, 1 June 2019 at the Pavilion Ballroom, The Star Gold Coast from 7:30 pm. Join us for an unforgettable intergalactic experience and we encourage you to wear your most creative 'Out of This World' themed costume.

Other activities

Passport Draw – win amazing prizes!

To go in to the draw to win prizes, simply visit every exhibition booth and collect stamps for your Conference Passport. Each time you make a connection, you are one step closer to taking home one of our amazing prizes. Check out your Sponsors and Exhibitors booklet for the exhibitor listing. You must be in attendance Sunday afternoon to claim your prize. Unclaimed prizes will be forfeited.

Donate your toiletries to Walk With Us charity – win amazing prizes!

[Walk With Us](#) supports the homeless, disadvantaged, youth, lonely and those impacted by domestic violence and mental health. ACA Qld have given you a challenge – to clean out your bathroom drawers of all those unused single-use toiletries picked up from hotels and airlines and bring them along to the conference to donate to the Walk With Us charity! There are great prizes to be won by the centre who brings in the most single use toiletries!