

Fort Street High School SRC presents...

Fort Street Future Leaders Week

A week to inspire students to pursue their passions and provide an opportunity to learn from and interact with leaders from all walks of life who have achieved real change in their communities and fields of work.

Join us from August 23rd to the 27th

Tune in for truly insightful
and engaging conversations
with inspiring leaders

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The Fort Street High School Student Representative Council (SRC) is delighted to invite your school to our Fort Street Future Leaders Week. Fort Street Future Leaders Week aims to inspire students to pursue their passion and harness their intellectual curiosity, providing them with an opportunity to learn from and interact with leaders from all walks of life who have achieved real change in their communities and fields of work.

Originally planned to be a large scale in-person conference, our event will occur in an online format in the week 23–27 August 2021 (Week 7 Term 3).

The event will involve videos of conversations released daily, featuring various special guests including The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG (Fortian 1955, former Justice of the High Court of Australia), Hon Tanya Plibersek MP (former Deputy Leader of the Labor Party), Chris Gambian (CEO Nature Conservation Council NSW), Natalie Lang (Branch Secretary of the Australian Services Union NSW and ACT), and Erin O'Leary (young activist and co-founder of Youth Against Sexual Violence).

These incredible speakers will be answering questions submitted by your students!

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THE HON MICHAEL KIRBY AC CMG

The Honourable Michael Kirby AC CMG is an international jurist, educator, former judge and Fortian (1951-5). He most notably served as a Justice of the High Court of Australia from 1996 to 2009.

He has worked on international teams for the United Nations, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the OECD and the Global Fund Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. He was also elected President of the International Commission of Jurists and served from 1995 to 1998, a role in which he advocated for giving consideration to sexuality as a vital element of human rights.

In 1991 Mr Kirby was awarded the Australian Human Rights Medal. In 1998, he was named Laurette of the UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education. In 2010 he was named co-winner of the Gruber Justice Prize. In 2011 he received the inaugural Australian Privacy Medal. Mr Kirby has also had numerous honorary degrees bestowed upon him by both Australian and international universities.

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NATALIE LANG

Natalie Lang is the NSW and ACT Branch Secretary of the Australian Services Union.

She has been vocal about the impact of domestic and family violence in society, as well as the push for equal pay. She has worked with water, transport, airlines, IT, private sector and social, community, and disability services industries for over 10 years.

Natalie has also used her position at the Australian Services Union to aid in the campaign for marriage equality and paid domestic violence leave, as well as equal pay for social, community, and disability workers.

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ERIN O'LEARY

Erin O'Leary is a proud Dhunghutti woman and prominent young activist. She is one of the founding members of Youth Against Sexual Violence, a youth-led grassroots initiative dedicated to ending sexual violence.

Erin also spends her time advocating for and leading rallies for Indigenous, LGBTQI+ and women's rights as well as for injustices faced by people in Australia and around the world. She is a staunch supporter of the Climate Action and Black Lives Matter movements, and an active member of her community who uses activism to make bold and positive change.

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HON TANYA PLIBERSEK MP

Tanya Joan Plibersek is an Australian politician who has served as Member of Parliament for Sydney since 1998. She was Deputy Leader of the Labor Party and Deputy Leader of the Opposition from 2013 to 2019, as well as a Cabinet Minister in the Rudd and Gillard Governments.

During the years of the Howard Government, Tanya consistently campaigned for social justice in issues such as paid parental leave, fairer rights at work, and rights for same-sex couples.

Following the election of the Rudd Government in 2007, Tanya held the portfolios of Housing, the Status of Women, Human Services, and Social Inclusion, and was appointed Minister for Health in 2011.

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CHRIS GAMBIAN

Chris Gambian, current CEO of the Nature Conservation Council NSW, has a strong background as a public interest campaigner and a senior leader in trade unions and grassroots advocacy agencies.

Chris brings over 24 years of experience in leadership as an organiser, campaigner, educator, and leader of progressive change. With a dedication to equality, justice, and sustainability through collective action, Chris is a prominent leader in the fight to pass down a safe and thriving natural world to our future generations.