



**Early Childhood Australia**  
A voice for young children

**OUR  
VISION:  
EVERY  
YOUNG  
CHILD IS  
THRIVING  
AND  
LEARNING**

## **2026 AJEC Research Symposium—Terms and Conditions**

All participants are required to officially register to attend the 2026 AJEC Research Symposium. When registering to attend the symposium, you accept the following registration terms:

### **Accommodation**

InHouse Event Solutions has been appointed as the official accommodation booking agent for the 2026 ECA National Conference and AJEC Research Symposium. Information provided by you as part of the accommodation booking process will be disclosed to the relevant accommodation providers to facilitate and confirm your reservation. Payment for accommodation is separate to the conference payment. Please contact InHouse Event Solutions if you have any accommodation payment queries.

Refunds of accommodation deposits are at the discretion of the accommodation venue.

### **Registration**

Sharing of registrations is not permitted. One registration may not be utilised by several individuals.

Student/concession registrations: Concession registration is open to full-time (pre-graduate) students currently enrolled in an approved early childhood course and concession card holders. Completion of a student or concession registration is subject to receipt of a valid concession card.

### **Cancellations and refunds**

Registration cancellations will not be accepted unless made in writing to the event organiser. If the notification is not received by the conference office, the cancellation is deemed to have been not notified.

Cancellations made more than thirty (30) days prior to the event date will be refunded less \$95.00 of the registration fee to cover administration costs. No registration refunds will be made after this date; however, you may nominate a replacement delegate at no charge. The same conditions apply to tickets purchased for social events. Should your tickets be purchased within the 30-day period before the event, no cancellations will be accommodated.

No refunds whatsoever are available in the event a delegate registers but fails to attend the symposium.

### **Delegate details**

ECA may share your information with the following third parties essential to the delivery of the event:

- other parts of ECA such as State/Territory Committees
- venues, accommodation providers, AV companies, and caterers directly involved in event delivery
- events sponsors and approved exhibitors
- other third-party event service providers

Badges may include QR codes for event management purposes. By allowing the QR code on your conference name badge to be scanned by other delegates, sponsors or exhibitors, you are consenting to share your name, organisation and contact details with them.

### **Photography and videography**

ECA reserves the right to take photographs and videos at ECA Events. By registering for the 2026 AJEC Research Symposium you consent to be included in any photographs or videos taken by the official photographers which may be used in our print and digital publications and other promotional material associated with ECA. If you do not consent to your photograph/s being used, please contact the event organiser in writing at:

[events@earlychildhood.org.au](mailto:events@earlychildhood.org.au).

### **General**

All details contained on the conference website are subject to change without notice.

For safety reasons children or strollers are not permitted at the symposium including the exhibition hall or in any sessions. If you have children accompanying you to Melbourne, Victoria, you should make alternative childcare arrangements.

### **Loss and injury**

All symposium participants are advised to effect/confirm their own insurance to cover all risks including (but not limited to) costs of travel, accommodation, symposium fees, personal property, health and medical expenses, injury, death and all other risks. The symposium, Early Childhood Australia, and organisers will not be held liable for any claims under any circumstances.

### **Payment of fees**

All registration fees are payable in advance of the symposium and entry to the symposium may be denied in the event registration fees (or a portion thereof) are unpaid prior to commencement of the symposium. Online registration is the preferred method of registration. Credit card payment (Visa or MasterCard) and PayPal is accepted via our secure network (Credit card payments will incur a surcharge of 1.15%). Please note direct deposits will only be open until 1 September 2026 and registrations after this date will require immediate payment via credit card or PayPal.

### **Program changes**

ECA reserves the right to make changes to the program, including presenters and sessions where necessary. In the unlikely event that a presenter withdraws or cannot travel, ECA reserves the right to make the appropriate decision in the best interest of the symposium—this may include not offering refunds, changes to the program and cancelling sessions.

### **Visas and quarantine**

Delegates travelling from overseas may be required to obtain a visa before travelling to Australia. You should apply for your visa not less than two months prior to your departure. Failure to obtain a visa will not be accepted as grounds for refund of any fees or other costs paid to the symposium. Australia has strict quarantine regulations that are enforced at all international airports and other points of entry into Australia.