

Scott Boland



Dr Scott Bolland is an executive coach, international speaker, facilitator and futurist. His PhD and background (of 25 years) are in the area of Cognitive Science – the scientific study of how the mind works, spanning areas such as psychology, neuroscience, philosophy and artificial intelligence. His passion is playing in the intersection between these areas, in particular how to best prepare individuals, teams, schools and organisations to flourish in the digital age.

His expertise and interests fall into two main areas: people and technology.

People and peak performance were the subject of Scott's early academic years. Working alongside global experts he developed a deep understanding of the psychology and neuroscience of memory, learning and creativity. Driven by the profound realisation that people are at the centre of performance Scott began to investigate the science of human flourishing, and this remains the field that he is most passionate about today. Over the years he has brought the latest research backed insights from Positive Psychology, leadership, and high-performance teamwork to his clients. Scott has worked with diverse groups including MBA students, the military, police services, resource companies, education providers and financial institutions. He has delivered large scale Positive Psychology based events to 1000s of school and corporate staff, utilising a compelling mix of experiential and rich multimedia environments including live music as a way to “challenge the mind, and inspire the soul.”

Scott's main interest in technology is the application of rapidly emerging Artificial Intelligence platforms and techniques for the betterment of society. His company, New Dawn Technologies, which he founded with Sean Howard (one of Australia's leading tech entrepreneurs), utilises AI to help personalise education, to improve student engagement and learning outcomes.

Scott's TEDx talk entitled “Neuroscience, AI, and the Future of Education” has been seen by close to 100,000 viewers, and has led to him consulting for Ministries of Education across the globe and running strategy workshops for the Education Policy makers of the European Commission.

Scott brings with him years of practical experience in corporate education and executive coaching coupled with a deep academic background the future of work, and the science of human flourishing.