

Paper Submission Form - SAIP2025 Proceedings

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Section A: Paper Submission Information

Paper/Abstract ID	330
Paper title	Assessing First Year Students' Epistemological Beliefs about Learning Physical Science
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Student Name & Surname: Signature: Date:

Supervisor Name & Surname: Signature: Date: 31/07/2025

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