

The Mission of the Barker Institute

Aligned with the 'Inspiring Global Hope' strategic plan (2015-2020), The Barker Institute has the mission of:

- Facilitating a community of learners creating opportunity for each of their futures
- Implementing a globally focused 21st century model of learning that promotes an outstanding educational experience for all Pre-K to 12 students
- Nurturing a culture of collaboration in our community where innovation, expertise and resources are shared
- Fostering a community that innovates through the use of emerging research and educational practice, consciously striving to be educational leaders, transforming students and staff to be visionaries of global hope
- Forming meaningful relationships with local, national and global communities

The Barker Institute:

- Provides a centre for research, reflective practice, professional learning and innovation in education
- Is a resource hub that facilitates the ongoing development of learning for teachers, allowing them to stay abreast of emerging practice, constantly striving to refine the quality of teaching and learning
- Seeks to develop collaborative ventures with other institutions and providers, initiating research and innovation combined with the implementation of new projects and programs for the benefit of students, staff and the broader community
- Shares current research and issues with parents, professional bodies and educators around the globe through ongoing symposia, forums, lectures and conferences



It is great to see Barker College sharing its rich resources with the wider community. A fantastic and informative evening.



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Professional Learning
Research
Innovation



Created by The Head of Barker, Mr Phillip Heath in 2014, the Barker Institute has three core areas of focus, Professional Learning, Research and Innovation.



In 2017, the Barker Institute will offer an exciting range of presentations. The popular Community Forums will remain a key part of the program, while the new 'Focus on Learning Series' will combine the latest theory and practice through informative sessions for parents. In a new initiative, the 'Twilight Series' sees alumni, parents and academics presenting topical talks on areas of interest. In 2017 the 'Parents' Forums' will be more focused on the continuum of development, across all stages of learning at Barker. I look forward to seeing you at these events throughout the year.

Dr Brad Merrick

HSC Parent Forum

Year 11 Parents

Monday 9 October at 7.00pm
Leslie Hal



Following on from the important Year 11 HSC retreat for our students, this evening will provide an important overview for all parents about the key areas covered over the two days.

Twilight Series Lecture No. 3

Agriculture After Dark

Thursday 12 October at 7.00pm
Rhodes Theatre



Saxon Wright – coffee expert & founder of Pablo & Rusty's Coffee Roasters will explain 'Paddock to Cup' of Coffee in our first ever agriculture meets the consumer lecture.

Post Graduate Forum

10th Post-Graduate Forum

Monday 6 November at 5.00 - 8.00pm
McCaskill Music Centre



Barker Staff will present their work about research and educational thinking in the classrooms, and more broadly around the school. This is always a fascinating evening to attend.

Community Forum

Professor Gary McPherson

Thursday 9 November 9 at 7.30pm
Leslie Hall



Gary McPherson's talk will showcase some of the many benefits of learning music during childhood and adolescence. Included in his presentation will be an explanation of research he has undertaken with children learning musical instruments & voice, and the attributes that impact on musical development and more general development during childhood and adolescence.

College of Teachers

Coaching Program

Monday 13 November at 5.00 - 7.30pm
Harvard Room

Here, our College of Teachers will meet and develop their coaching program, looking to key initiatives in 2018.



Twilight Series No.4

Our Prosperity as a Nation
Andrew Stevens

Thursday 16 November at 7.00pm
Rhodes Theatre



How is the future looking for our young people? Andrew is the Chair of the Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre. This presentation will look at how Australia can sustain economic and employment growth. Andrew will explore key growth sectors and where career opportunities lie.

Focus on Learning Series (No.4)

Having Learning Conversations with your Children

Monday 20 November at 7.30pm
Leslie Hall

In this informative learning opportunity for parents, members of the College of Teachers and the Barker Staff will present sessions and work with parents, helping them to discuss goals and student achievement.

