

## Our Mission

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 2018, the Barker Institute will offer an exciting range of presentations. The popular Community Forums will remain a key part of the program, while the '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 2018 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



### Community Forum

Gayelene Clewes  
'Realising your Learning Potential:  
Turning the ordinary into the  
extraordinary'



Monday 19 February at 7.30pm  
Leslie Hall

Olympic Psychologist and Author, Gayelene Clewes will present her research and experience in student well-being, mental health and exceptional performance.

### Parent Forum

Kirra Pendergast  
'Safe on Social Media'



Tuesday 6 March at 7.30pm  
Leslie Hall

Kirra Pendergast, Cyber Safety expert will present on what users of all ages need to know about Social Media. This Parent Forum, will deliver real life strategies to help parents support their children to use social media with awareness.

### Focus on Learning 2

Transforming the Digital Learning  
Environment  
'Stage 5 & 6'



Monday 26 February at 7.00pm  
Leslie Hall

This seminar will provide parents with an overview of the Barker digital learning plan and learning management system. This session will demonstrate how students access online learning resources and activities.

### Twilight Series No. 1

Camino de Santiago  
'A guide to Walking the Camino de  
Santiago'



Tuesday 20 March at 7.00pm  
Rhodes Theatre

Twilight Series lectures give members of the Barker Community an opportunity to share their experience. In this lecture, Barker staff member and intrepid explorer Jeremy Von Einem will share his amazing trek in Spain, and how to make the most of this unique pilgrim trail.

### Parent Forum

Learning Conversations with  
Senior Students  
'Developing Goals, GRIT and Passion'



Wednesday 11 April at 7.00pm  
Rhodes Theatre

Dr Brad Merrick, Director of the Barker Institute will present useful strategies for parents and students to foster Learning Conversations through Goal setting and the latest research on GRIT. This session will also provide a series of activities and strategies to use, linking purposeful reflection to ongoing goal setting.