

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, initiating projects around research and innovation 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 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 new 'Focus on Learning Series' will combine the latest theory and practice through informative sessions for parents. A new initiative, the 'Twilight Series' sees alumni, parents and academics presenting topical talks on areas of interest. 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 2019 Parent Information Evening

Year 11 Parents
Monday 15 October at 7:00pm
Leslie Hall



While the Year 11 students are at the 2019 HSC retreat, parents are invited to this evening to gain an important overview of the key areas covered with the students during the retreat.

Twilight Lecture

Australian Cancer Research Foundation
Monday 29 October at 7.00pm
Rhodes Theatre



This twilight lecture will be given by guest speakers Dr Akila Seneviratne and Jennifer Phelps as they outline profound changes in the way that cancer is diagnosed and treated.

Post Graduate Forum

Monday 5th November
5:00-7:30pm
McCaskill Music Centre



For this annual event, Barker Staff will present their post graduate studies about education thinking in the classrooms, and more broadly around the school.

Community Forum

Surviving the digital age of Distraction
Monday 12 November at 7.00pm
Leslie Hall



This presentation by Vanessa McCamley, leadership trainer and a Principal Consultant at Link Success will explore our ability to rewire our brains, change habits, and reconnect with our imagination. Learn how to keep digital burnout at bay.

Parent Forum

Wellness at Barker
Tuesday 20 November at 7.00pm
Rhodes Theatre



Newly appointed Director of Wellbeing, Rowena Dudgeon will introduce some aspects of the new and vibrant wellbeing program for all being implemented at Barker.

Rowena will highlight the benefits of Barker's Commitment to "Thriving" and wellbeing that foster deep connection and belonging with students.

The core mission of social and emotional wellbeing of our students; assisting them to thrive in their journey here at Barker and beyond will be explained.