

## Our Mission

Aligned with the 'Inspiring Global Hope' strategic plan (2015-2020).

### The Barker Institute has the mission of:

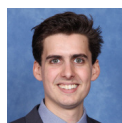
- Facilitating a community of learners creating opportunity for each of their futures
- Implementing a globally focused 21st century model of learning that promotes an outstanding educational experience for all Pre-K to 12 students
- Fostering a community that innovates through the use of emerging research 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  
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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 2019, 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. The 'Twilight Series' sees alumni, parents and academics presenting topical talks on areas of interest. In 2019 '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 Matthew Hill



## Middle School Parent Forum

Monday 18 February at 7:00pm

Leslie Hall

The evening will consist of a panel discussion driven by audience questions. Staff members including the Head of Middle School, the Director of Wellbeing and the Deans of the Middle School, will share their role and their vision for thriving for Year 7-9 at Barker.



## Twilight Lecture

Strength Training for Children & Adolescents

Angus McEntyre

Monday 4 March at 7:00pm

BCMA Theatre

Based on his recent article published in the Journal of Australian Strength and Conditioning, Angus will share the risks & benefits of strength training. The concept of Age Identification: Anatomical, Biological and Athletic will also be introduced.

Angus is an accredited and active coach. He is also a chiropractor working locally as well as at a state and national level with sportspeople and coaches.



## Junior School Parent Forum

The Language of Friendship

Dana Kerford

Wednesday March 20 at 6:00pm

Kurrajong Piazza - Junior School

Dana Kerford, founder of URSTRONG presents an internationally recognised friendship programme that empowers children with the skills, language, and self-confidence to be better friends and develop healthier relationships.

We invite parents from the Junior School Community to attend our first Wellbeing parent seminar to hear Dana who will speak to parents about how to support your children when negotiating and building friendships at school.



## Focus on Learning

Guided Inquiry

Dr Leslie Maniotes

Wednesday 3 April at 7:00pm

Rhodes Theatre

Dr Leslie Maniotes is the author of Guided Inquiry Design and an expert in helping teachers shape instruction using a Guided Inquiry approach which is the framework that the School is adopting.

Dr. Maniotes is visiting Australia for the first time in April and we are very fortunate to have her present. This will be a fantastic opportunity for parents to hear about the principles of Guided Inquiry, what it is and why it works.

