

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
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Innovation

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Created by The Head of Barker, Mr Phillip Heath AM 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 '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 2019 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.

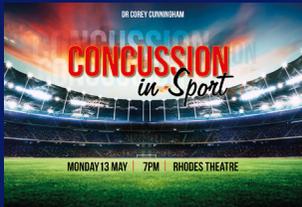
Dr Matthew Hill



Twilight Lecture

Dr Corey Cunningham
'Concussion in Sport'

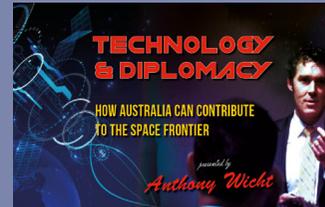
Monday 13th May at 7.00pm
Rhodes Theatre



Dr Corey Cunningham is the Chief Medical Officer for the NSW Institute of Sport. This will be a great opportunity for parents to learn how the Concussion Clinic at Barker is protecting students from secondary concussion.

Community Forum

Anthony Wicht
'Technology and Diplomacy'
Monday 3 June at 7.00pm
Rhodes Theatre



Anthony Wicht has been involved in the space industry in Australia and internationally for fifteen years. He started building small satellites at university, studied at MIT, was Australia's representative to the UN's Space Committee, and led the development of Australia's most recent Space Policy.

Anthony will be talking about what Australia's future in space might look like. This will include the sorts of space-related projects Australians might contribute to and what this means for young Australians thinking about a space career.

He will also talk about how space is changing, from ever-smaller satellites to large commercial space companies like SpaceX. What does this mean for people who want to be involved in the Space Industry.

Parent Forum

Kirra Pendergast
'Safe on Social Media'

Thursday 30 May at 7.00pm
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.

Twilight Lecture

'Everyday Economics'
A Panel Discussion

Monday 17 June at 7.00pm
Rhodes Theatre



Two accomplished women in Economics, Lea Jurkovic and Joanne Masters, will present to staff, students, and the community on a variety of relevant economic issues. Themes will include women in economics and the importance of financial literacy amongst students and society.