



# 2017 Speaker Series

Changing challenge: using creativity for disposition and differentiation

Presented by Prof Martin Westwell

**MELBOURNE**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017
Wesley College - St Kilda Road Campus Melbourne, Victoria

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Evidence from recent research suggests that if we change the way that we think about challenge it can open new ways to help us shape young people's disposition towards learning and provide opportunities for differentiation.

Organisations like the OECD have set out some of the challenges for education around the world including how each learning area might serve young people and innovative communities now and in the future. How will they know what to do when they don't know what to do?

Martin will use classroom practices that have been co-developed with teachers, in a context created by leaders, to exemplify ways in which using the same content but different thinking can shape the way that young people actively engage with their learning.

### About the Presenter:

Martin Westwell is Strategic Professor in the Science of Learning at Flinders University and Director of the Flinders Centre for Science Education in the 21st

After completing his degree and PhD at Cambridge University, Martin moved to Oxford University as a Research Fellow in Biological and Medical Sciences at Lincoln College. He left academia to pursue a range of work in education and public engagement.

He returned to Oxford in 2005 as the Deputy Director of the Institute for the Future of the Mind where he ran the research program on the influence of modern lifestyles and technologies on the minds of the young and the old.

Martin is one of the Chief Investigators in the national Science of Learning Research Centre undertaking research in the advantages of student struggle, critical thinking and problem solving. Martin and his team work with schools and systems across Australia to co-construct innovation projects and with UNESCO looking at the future of education in the Asia-Pacific region.

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### Complimentary Session - New Initiatives in the IB:

A complimentary session, 'New initiatives in the IB' will be presented by Dr Marcia Behrenbruch, Regional Manager for Australasia. This session will be of interest to heads of schools, directors of curriculum and teachers who may be interested in the new organisation of the IB and on current research that is informing our thinking about internationally minded education. There will also be updates specific to Australia and New Zealand, including an overview of examination results, new schools and government recognition.

Current IB Schools as well as those interested in learning more about the IB are invited to attend this session.

### Program:

5:00pm - 6:00pm

New Initiatives in the IB (Complimentary session)
Presented by Dr Marcia Behrenbruch,
Regional Development and Recognition Manager

6:00pm - 6:30pm Refreshments

6:30pm - 8:30pm

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## **Registration Details:**

\$75 per person or \$65 for schools with 5 or more participants attending.

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