



Barker College

The Council of Barker College is delighted to announce that Barker is to transition to a fully coeducational school by 2022.

Since 1975 Barker College students have enjoyed the positive impact of a coeducational Senior School. After careful consideration of the success of our existing coeducation model and the available research, it is clear that the rich resources and experiences available at the School should be open to boys and girls in all years.

A coeducational school experience provides a safe environment in which young men and women can grow up together, learn to work respectfully, and appreciate the differing viewpoints that each brings. It provides full access to the Barker College experience for all students and their families, promoting harmony and a rich and vibrant academic and co-curricular life for our students.

Most importantly, the overwhelming evidence from past and present families is that coeducation provides an outstanding preparation for the real world that lies beyond the School gates.

Implementing a full transition by 2022

We will open places for girls for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes in 2018, for Year 3 girls in 2019 and for Year 7 girls in 2020. This decision completes the story that began on our first day in 1890 when both girls and boys were part of the original school enrolment.

Over the coming months, more information will be provided to the School community on the transition plans. In Term 4 2016, information evenings will also be held for the community to learn more about our plans. More information is also available on the School's website.

The School Council considers that this fundamental and strategic step will provide invaluable opportunities that enable us to fulfil our Vision of being a leader in Christian education that inspires global hope.

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