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GIRLS' SCHOOL

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LAURISTON INSTITUTE

Professional Learning Services

The Lauriston Institute has not only allowed me to improve my parenting skills, but also to play a more active role in my child's education.

- Current Parent



Having attended all the recent parent seminars at Lauriston and having the opportunity to hear amazing speakers such as Leonard Sax, Kaz Cooke and Todd Johnson I know I am now a better parent.

- Current Parent



NICK THORNTON

DIRECTOR OF THE LAURISTON INSTITUTE

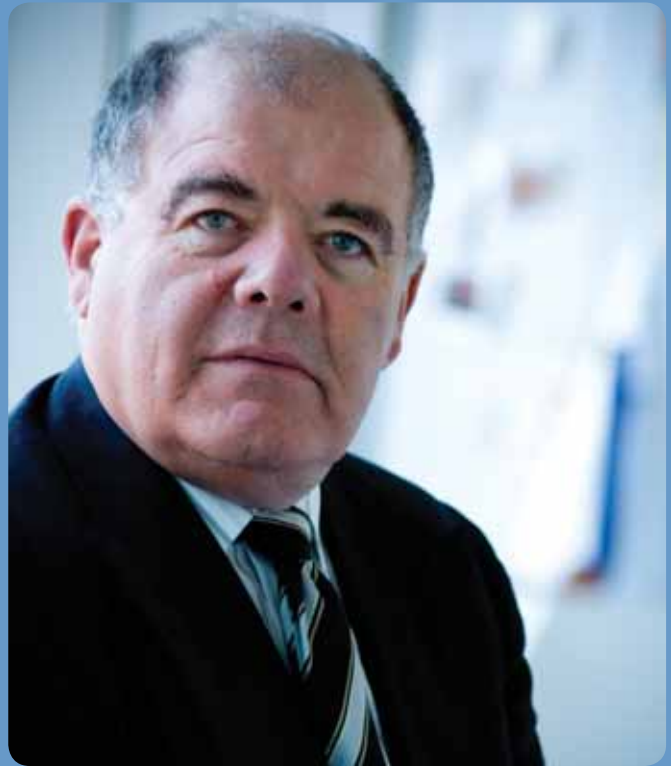
"The Lauriston Institute is integral to the Lauriston vision for education and is a key part of the development of a vibrant program of teaching and learning. Established almost three years ago, the Institute also plays a vital role in providing professional learning services and programs in education."

In assuming the position of Director, Nick Thornton brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of the education sector and its constituent bodies.

Originally from western Victoria, Nick was educated at Camperdown High School. On completing his training as a secondary teacher in Melbourne, he entered the government teaching service. Following some years as a classroom teacher Nick was seconded to the Victorian Law Institute where he was responsible for producing resource materials for legal studies in schools.

Nick's extensive experience in education encompasses positions in the Curriculum Branch of the Department of Education, Acting Deputy-Principal at St Albans High School, Principal of Altona High School, General Manager of the Barwon South West Region, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Principal's Centre and an education consultant to UNESCO and the World Bank.

For seven years Nick was General Manager of Children's Services at the Spastic Society of Victoria (now SCOPE) where he managed the provision of education and therapy services for children with physical disabilities.



Nick believes the Lauriston Institute is well placed to continue the provision of high quality training support for internal staff, while broadening the scope of its operations to encompass other sectors in education and business. In the long term, he sees opportunities for engagement with a wide range of Australian and International educationists.

The quality of the teacher in the classroom and school leadership are the two most important factors effecting good outcomes for children. Good schools maximize professional learning opportunities in order to enhance the quality of its teachers and its leaders.

*– Nick Thornton
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