MAKING TOMORROW
10 OCTOBER 2014
A forum for high school staff and teachers who support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students’ educational success

KEYNOTE:
DR CHRIS SARRA
OVERVIEW

All over Australia, there are people working in schools to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to ‘make their tomorrow’ through success in education.

The Making Tomorrow Forum brings those people together to share skills, knowledge, techniques and information. People, just like you, will share their success stories, challenges and learn from peers and experts in the field.

As well, Making Tomorrow will provide you with up-to-date information about pathways, access programs and support services to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enter university.

WHO

Aboriginal support staff, careers advisors, year advisors, secondary teachers, senior executives, and school counsellors.

WHEN

9am-4pm, 10 October 2014

REGISTRATION FEE

There is no fee associated with this Forum. Participants are required to pay for their own transport and accommodation.

VENUE

New Law Foyer, New Law School Building, The University of Sydney

FORUM SCHEDULE

0900-0930  Registration and Morning Tea
0930-1000  Welcome to Country, Key Information and Introductions
1000-1015  Official Opening – Deputy Vice Chancellor Professor Shane Houston
1015-1100  Keynote speaker – Dr Chris Sarra
1100-1200  Session 1 – Student engagement and motivation
            Participate in a discussion on motivating and engaging students – the influence of expectations – with Dr Chris Sarra.
1200-1300  Session 2 – Student success: One size doesn’t fit all
            Share your experiences of best practice: what works and how to engage and motivate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.
1300-1330  Lunch
1330-1430  Session 3 – Maximising resources: Utilising what’s out there
            Gain further information about programs and resources for assisting and supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students into tertiary study.
1430-1530  Session 4 – Q&A with Panel
1530-1600  Closing Remarks and Farewell
1600-1630  Networking Afternoon Tea
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr Chris Sarra is the founder and Chairman of the Stronger Smarter Institute.

Chris grew up in Bundaberg in Queensland, the youngest of ten children, and experienced first-hand many of the issues faced by Indigenous students throughout their schooling.

Encouraged and supported by teachers and mentors, Chris successfully completed a Diploma of Teaching, a Bachelor of Education and Master of Education and a PhD in Psychology with Murdoch University. His thesis has been published in a book released in 2011, titled Strong and Smart – Towards a Pedagogy for Emancipation Education for First Peoples.

In the 1990s, Chris took on the challenges of Indigenous education as Principal of Cherbourg State School in southeast Queensland. Under Chris’ leadership, the school became nationally acclaimed for its pursuit of the Stronger Smarter philosophy, which significantly improved the educational and life outcomes of its students.

In 2011, Chris was Queensland’s nomination for Australian of the Year. By sharing his own journey, Chris encourages other leaders to accept the Strong and Smart challenge.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Does your school have a successful Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student-focused program, which has resulted in students progressing on to higher education? If so, we want to hear all about it.

The Forum is a space to share your examples of success and the challenges you met along the way. A selection will be invited to present at the Forum and to publish their results for the benefit of other staff supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students.

School teams are welcome to present and we encourage you to involve past and present students.

If you have a success story that you would like to share, please indicate on your registration form and we will send through information and guidelines.
REGISTRATION

TO REGISTER PLEASE SELECT FROM THE FOLLOWING

Online: www.sydney.edu.au/events/bunga-barrabugu-forum
Email: compass.casuals@sydney.edu.au
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Post: Compass, Baxter’s Lodge (F02), The University of Sydney, NSW 2006 Australia

SPACES ARE LIMITED – REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2014 OR ONCE CAPACITY IS REACHED

First Name: ................................................................. Surname: .................................................................
Preferred Name: .........................................................
Mobile Phone: .......................................................... Email: .................................................................
School Name: ................................................................
School Address: ........................................................
Suburb/Town: ............................................................ State: ........................................ Post Code: ........

What position(s) do you hold in the school (please elaborate)?

☐ Principal  ☐ Senior Executive: .................................................................
☐ Aboriginal Support Staff: .................................................................
☐ Teacher: ................................................................. ☐ Year Advisor: .................................................................
☐ School Counsellor: ................................................................. ☐ Careers Advisor: .................................................................
☐ Other: ........................................................................

Are you: ☐ Aboriginal  ☐ Torres Strait Islander  ☐ N/A
☐ Community  ☐ Promotion

Where did you hear about the Forum? ☐ Website  ☐ School  ☐ Community  ☐ Promotion

Dietary or Special Requirements: 

Do you have a success story you would like to share for inclusion in the Forum (200 words)?

Are you happy to share your contact information with other Forum attendees? ☐ Yes  ☐ No

Signature: ........................................................................ Date: .................................................................

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**PARKING**

Limited car parking is available at the University. Use of the Shepherd Street car park is recommended.

**SHEPHERD STREET CAR PARK**

$24 flat rate (valid to 6am the next morning)
$4 hourly rate (to maximum $24)

**ACCOMMODATION**

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel accommodation bookings direct with the hotel of their choice. The Rydges Camperdown and Adara Camperdown are within walking distance to the venue.

**CONTACTS**

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COMPASS
The University of Sydney’s Compass - your way to higher education program recognises that students with the ability to succeed in higher education come from all walks of life.
Compass works with young people, their teachers and parents, to build the confidence and motivation to succeed through education and make informed decisions about their post-school options. In this way, we endeavour to address the under-representation in higher education of students from low socio-economic backgrounds, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and regional students.
Since launching in 2009, Compass has engaged over 70,000 students, teachers and parents in their schools, communities and on campus.
For more information, see www.sydney.edu.au/compass

WINGARA MURA – BUNGA BARRABUGU
The Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu strategy renews the University’s commitment to the promotion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation, engagement, education and research. A key element of this strategy is the provision of opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to join one of Australia’s best universities – and to succeed.
To support this, the University offers, through Compass, a multi-layered approach to support the academic and personal preparation of young people for higher education. This includes opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to experience university life, engage in fun, educational activities in a supportive and inclusive environment and the provision of homework and study assistance.
For more information see www.sydney.edu.au/indigenous-summer-program

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