

# Queensland Independent Schools SUMMIT

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## GUEST SPEAKER



### Dr Richard Harris SC OAM

Specialist Anaesthetist, Cave Diver, Author,  
and Lieutenant Governor of South Australia

Dr Richard Harris SC OAM is an Australian anaesthetist, cave diver, and author, appointed as the Lieutenant Governor of South Australia in February 2024. He is best known for his pivotal role in the 2018 Tham Luang cave rescue in Thailand, where he and fellow cave diver Craig Challen successfully helped rescue a youth soccer team trapped underground. In recognition of their heroic efforts, they were jointly named the 2019 Australian of the Year.

Dr Harris is the author of *The Art of Risk*, where he explores the lives of high-risk professionals and adventurers, examining how risk-taking shapes personal growth and resilience. In the book, he shares conversations with figures like climber Alex Honnold and filmmaker James Cameron, reflecting on how confronting risk can lead to strength and courage in everyday life.

A passionate advocate for embracing challenge, Dr Harris's insights inspire individuals to push boundaries and face life's uncertainties with confidence.

