

Martin Westwell is the first Director of the Flinders Centre for Science Education in the 21st Century and brings a scientist's evidence-informed approach to teaching and learning.

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 other interests and then returned to Oxford in 2005 as the Deputy Director of the Institute for the Future of the Mind. Here he ran the research program on the influence of modern lifestyles and technologies on the minds of the young and the old. Throughout all of the work at the Institute for the Future of the Mind, Martin worked with the UK government, parliament, teachers, parents and others to provide access to scientific evidence to help inform their decision-making about the learning and education of young people.

He has won a number of awards for communicating science to non-scientists including, in 1999, being named by The Times newspaper as Scientist of the New Century.

Martin and his family moved to Adelaide in September 2007. His wife Val is a mathematics teacher and they have two boys who attend Bridgewater Primary School in the Adelaide Hills and Urrbrae Agricultural High School.