



CSPV Parent Leadership



HOW PARENTS ARE DEMONSTRATING LEADERSHIP IN OUR VICTORIAN CATHOLIC LEARNING COMMUNITIES?

CSPV promotes parent leadership in Catholic communities and as we begin working on our Parent Leadership Framework project, it's great to hear stories of how parents are demonstrating leadership in their Catholic communities, bringing people together and supporting others. Community is at the heart of our Catholic schools and it takes parents as leaders alongside educators to make things happen. We recently interviewed parents from Catholic schools about how they engage in their school community and opportunities that are available for parents to demonstrate leadership. We'd love to hear your story too!

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HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR SAY IN THE REVIEW OF THE MACS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM

If you are a parent of children in Melbourne Catholic primary or secondary school here is your opportunity to have your say and share your perspective on the review of the Religious Education Curriculum. At the beginning of this year, our CSPV Advocacy survey and report revealed an interest from parents in understanding more about the RE curriculum. You now have the opportunity to share your views on what you currently know and what you would like to see included or changed as part of the review. The wisdom, experiences and insights of all parents and carers of children in MACS schools will help the review panel with its important task.

[Complete Survey](#)

Results are in!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL VCE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

You made it! VCE students have now received their ATAR scores. CSPV congratulate all students on their efforts as well as families for all your support over the year and throughout the formal education journey. No matter what your score, know you are destined for more. The ATAR is a method to move onto new opportunities that are presented to your son or daughter. Their effort and journey as well as the learning experiences they've had at school will stay with them as they move into their chosen pathway. Remember there are always options, so if they didn't quite receive the score they needed or expected, there are people who can support them including staff at their school. We wish them all well as they move into this next phase of life.

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HOW CAN YOU HELP OTHER FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS?

The last two years of the COVID pandemic have had a devastating impact on low-income families. Unemployment, rent prices, rising interest rates and mental and physical health issues are just some of the challenges that can lead to financial crisis – but each person has their own story. How can you help families and respond to The Cry of the Poor within your community? In the spirit of Christmas, The Catholic Care Victoria Giving Tree Appeal assists those families in need. Click on the link below to donate today or for further information about the support services at Catholic Care Victoria.



[Giving Tree Appeal](#)

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CREATING A CULTURE OF SAFETY AT SCHOOL

There are various reasons why children don't feel safe at school. This can lead to school refusal or challenging behaviours. There are many Catholic schools across Victoria who have adopted Mackillop Family Services ReLATE program to support students to feel more safe in the school environment, to address school refusal and physical and verbal aggression. In this article from, St Pius Catholic Primary in Warrnambool, Deputy Principal shares, "We recognised that we needed to create a learning environment that integrated research-informed and evidence-based theories and practices that delivered positive outcomes for students." Click on the link for full article.

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HOW TO MANAGE BULLYING OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

As parents, you know that bullying is not only happening at school. It's also very common online and now that holidays are approaching, it's important to know how to manage anything that may occur outside of school. Online bullying can have a much greater impact and be far more difficult to deal with as it's often hidden. Online bullies can engage in inappropriate behaviours 24/7 and invade a young person's home environment where they should feel safe. Click on the links below for helpful resources for parents from SchoolTV.



[Resources >>](#)

Prayer ideas for families



HOW TO ENCOURAGE PRAYER AS A FAMILY RITUAL

When you think of praying, the image that may come to mind is kneeling with hands together and eyes closed. There are many different ways to pray as an individual and as a family and introduce your children to the mystery, joy, and peace that prayer can bring. Prayer helps children to slow down and be in the moment, to show gratitude and to spend time thinking and connecting with themselves and as a family. Some examples of ways you can pray together are praying before meals, through music, in silence or Christian meditation, pray through art, pray before bed and body prayer. To learn more about these prayers click on the link to download.

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HOW THE HOLIDAYS PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGING IN LEARNING AT HOME BY SEIZING TEACHABLE MOMENTS

Holidays are a time for relaxing and rejuvenating. Holidays also provide opportune times to seize teachable moments and share in conversations about what children are learning at home. Board games and participating in online courses are other ideas for learning at home. Upschool provides a 10 week free course, 'It Starts With You' that reimagines education, where children learn through interacting with the natural world. Click on the link and encourage your child to take the course and help to make the world a better place.



['It Starts With You'](#)

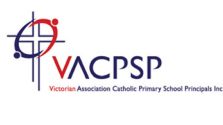
Experience the joy of Christmas



WISHING EVERY FAMILY A BLESSED AND SAFE CHRISTMAS

As we reflect on another year and move towards Christmas, you can be proud of how this year has unfolded and how each of you has encouraged and supported your children as they navigated being back at school. We know it hasn't been an easy year and has only been made more challenging with ongoing health issues, as Covid continued to be a presence in our lives. We would like to thank all of the school leaders, teachers and parents who have gone above and beyond to support students in our schools this year and wish you a safe, blessed and restful Christmas break over the holidays. We hope you experience the joy of Christmas and beyond.

CSPV enables and provides parent perspective in Catholic education in collaboration with each of our partners:



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