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Catholic School Parents Victoria Update June 2023

**CSPV Advocacy - Curriculum**



**PARENT WEBINARS 13th June or 14th June from 7:30-8:15pm**

Senior secondary education in Victoria is changing. There's a new way for your child to complete the VCE, it's called **VCE Vocational Major**. You are invited to join us for a webinar hosted by our partners at the **Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority** and the **Department of Education and Training** to learn more about how your child can pursue their goals in years 10-12. **Click below to register for one of the two webinars.**



[Register Here](#)

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**REVIEW OF NAPLAN FROM A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE**

This year the NAPLAN test was held earlier in March and a few changes were included. **Monash University** are conducting a small-scale study seeking views on NAPLAN 2023 from children who sat for the test this year. Australian students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are required for this short Monash University open-access survey. This project has been approved by Monash University Human Research Committee. **Parents are invited to assist their children to complete this 10 minute survey.** An explanation for this study is included at the start of the survey. Click on the QR Code or link below for the survey.



[Complete Survey](#)

**Parent Engagement in learning at home**



**ARE YOU SEEKING MEANINGFUL WAYS TO ENGAGE IN YOUR CHILDREN'S LEARNING AT HOME?**

**www.upschool.co** is a **100% FREE** online learning platform that seeks to use the power of education to create meaningful and tangible change in the world, has recently launched two new courses filmed entirely from the Antarctic region! **The Solar System and Beyond** features **Australia's favourite scientist, Dr. Karl**, and explores our solar system and the far reaches of space. **The Power of One** explores the significance of our oceans with particular attention to **UN SDG 14 – Life Below Water**. Explore all the FREE courses by clicking the links below.



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**CSPA Update**



**HAVE YOU EXPLORED THE PARENT ENGAGEMENT TOOLKIT YET?**

**Catholic School Parents Australia** continues to develop the national toolkit for parents and educators that includes Australian research, resources, case studies and helpful information to support students in their learning and wellbeing. More recently, CSPA launched a report following a nationwide survey in 2022 on parent perspective on student wellbeing. Click on the link below to download the report. CSPA is now embarking on further research and exploration into the importance of effective communication between home and school to support student learning and wellbeing.

[Visit CSPA Toolkit](#)



[Download Report](#)

**CSPV Advocacy - Wellbeing**



**DID YOU MISS THIS WEBINAR? HERE IS THE REPLAY**

Recent survey data has confirmed that too many young people in schools are not wellbeing ready to learn. Prior to the events of the past couple of years, data from principals across Australia presented strong indications that a concerning number of primary aged students were showing signs of anxiety. Research also indicated parents and school staff felt they did not have the skill base to either identify or support these young people. Lifeskills Group presented a panel discussion in a free webinar on Thursday 11th May, raising awareness of the importance of wellbeing for learning. Watch the replay now.

[Watch Now](#)

**CSPV Advocacy - Child Safety**



**FEELING UNSURE ABOUT TEACHING OF RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS IN SCHOOLS?**

**The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR)** learning materials cover eight topics of Social and Emotional Learning across all levels of primary and secondary education: Emotional Literacy; Personal Strengths; Positive Coping; Problem Solving; Stress Management; Help Seeking; Gender and Identity; and Positive Gender Relationships. We encourage you to seek further information from your school about how these topics are taught in Catholic schools and how you can support learning at home.

[RRRR Curriculum](#)

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**THE STATE OF YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH - 10 SUPPORT STRATEGIES**

Imagine there was an illness that struck two out of every five young people in Australia. And many were so ill that they desperately needed medical care, but couldn't get it. We don't have to imagine - this is the reality facing young Australians right now. The current state of youth mental health is concerning. Parents play a vital role in supporting their child's mental health by staying informed and engaged in their lives. **SchoolTV aims to support parents** and empowers confidence in youth mental health using strategies such as the ones in this free download for parents. Click on the link below to access the resource.



[Download Now](#)

**CSPV Advocacy - Catholic Community**

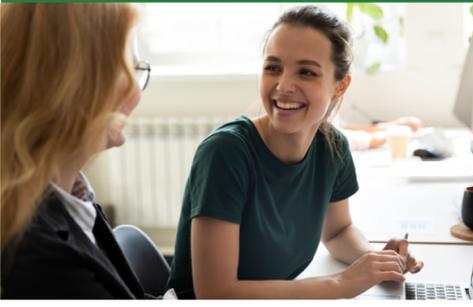


**VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEART OF CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES**

When we enrol our children in Catholic schools we also enrol the whole family. Catholic school community becomes a significant part of our journey through education with our children. There are many opportunities to contribute to developing a warm and welcoming community that provides so many rich learning opportunities for everyone, including meeting people and establishing friendships and support networks and volunteering to assist in events and other gatherings that are more about community building than fundraising. We invite you to download the prayer for volunteers to share with the generous people in your learning community.

[Download Prayer](#)

**CSPV Advocacy - Curriculum; Careers**



**FREE WEBINAR - CAREER CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR CHILD**

Career uncertainty has been defined as the inability, as a teenager, to articulate a career ambition or occupational expectation for adult life. Career uncertainty in young people is increasingly common. In this free webinar on **Wednesday 7th June 5.30PM**, **Dr Jo Gleeson (Monash University)**, lead author of Insights Paper 'Managing career uncertainty and anxiety: the power of career conversations', will talk about the findings of her research in this area, and share a questionnaire that can help you to facilitate career conversations with your child. Click on the link below and share this with other parents in your community.

[Register for webinar](#)

**CSPV New Website**



**NEW WEBSITE IS ALMOST READY FOR LAUNCH!**

Over the past few months we've been working on developing a new website for Catholic school parents across Victoria. If you often find yourself in need of support or answers when it comes to your child's schooling Catholic School Parents Victoria is thrilled to announce the launch of our revamped website designed exclusively for parents like you. Our new website is a valuable resource providing information, invitations to forums, and opportunities to provide feedback, attend relevant events for you so you can feel confident in supporting your child's education. The new website will be live soon so keep an eye out for the new site.

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