



15 October 2024

Circular to principals of Catholic schools in Victoria

Consent and Respectful Relationships Education Principal and Leadership Team Focus Groups

Main Points

- Principals or members of school leadership are invited to participate in one of three in-person focus groups on *Consent and Respectful Relationships* in Term 4.
- The aim of these focus groups is to explore the *Consent and Respectful Relationships Curriculum* with leaders of Catholic primary and secondary schools and identify the specific needs, challenges and opportunities in Catholic school communities.
- This feedback will inform the development of future tools, materials and resources to support Catholic leaders.
- Sessions will be facilitated by Catholic relationships and sexuality education consultant [Caitlin Humphrys](#), and will run for 3.5 hours. In person participation is preferred and light refreshments will be provided. Online participation is also welcomed.
- Through these sessions, leaders will be provided with a general overview of *Consent and Respectful Relationships Education*, its alignment with Catholic values on human dignity and the role that principals and leadership teams play in creating a respectful school culture and building organisational confidence.
- Topics will include cultural considerations, integration of curriculum with pastoral care and wellbeing programs, and support for teachers and staff.

Critical Dates

- Focus group sessions details:
 - Session 1:** Friday, October 25, 2024 at Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership: Bendigo Regional Centre (1/360 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo) (11am to 3.30pm with lunch provided) For Session 1 in person: [Register here](#)
 - Session 2:** Friday, November 8, 2024 at Parliament Room, Level 5, 2 Lonsdale Street Melbourne (9.15am to 12.45pm) with morning tea and light lunch provided
For Session 2 in person: [Register here](#)
 - Session 3:** Friday, December 6, 2024 at Mulgrave Country Club, Mulgrave (9.15am to 12.45pm)
For Session 3 in person: [Register here](#) Please note that this session will be in person only and morning tea and light lunch will be provided
- Places are limited. Should you wish to participate, please **RSVP by Monday 21 October 2024**.
- Links for online attendance will be sent via email closer to the session date.

Actions Required

- Principals and Leadership team members are invited to register their attendance for Consent and Respectful Relationships Education Principal & Executive Leadership Team Focus Groups.

Additional Information

- If you are unable to participate in these in-person focus groups on these dates, but are interested in contributing feedback at a later date, please contact VCEA using the contact details below.

Contact/Enquiries

- For all enquiries, please contact Ms Fiona Lennon, Lead, Education Strategy and Curriculum, at Victorian Catholic Education Authority (VCEA) on 03 8417 9300 or flennon@vcea.catholic.edu.au.



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