



# Parent Engagement in Catholic Schools

Catholic School Parents Queensland supports schools and families to work together to ensure parents and carers can play a positive role in their children’s learning and wellbeing. Parents, families and carers are a child’s first and most important teachers. Queensland Government funding for family engagement strategies, assists in supporting families to connect and partner with their child’s school, engage in learning at home and improve outcomes for young people.



Research shows that when families and schools work together, children do better, stay in school longer, are more engaged with their school work, have improved behaviour attend school more regularly and have better social skills.

For many years parents and carers have been involved in schools through volunteering in various ways including assisting with fundraising, tuckshops and various other activities.

These are important activities that build social capital in our children and young people, but it is also important for families to be engaged in their child’s learning and wellbeing.

Funding support allows Catholic School Parents Queensland to develop and deliver strategies for school communities that improve parent engagement and deliver better learning outcomes, longer term social, emotional and economic benefits and reduces violence towards school staff.



**100,000 families**



**307 schools**



**35 kindergartens**

## Catholic schools

**Call on the next State Government to deliver \$140,000 p.a. over four years to develop parent engagement strategies to support Queensland families.**

Funding for parent engagement of \$140,000 per annum will ensure parents in Catholic Schools and their school communities can be assisted to understand and develop parent engagement in learning and wellbeing in the school community. The funding will also assist with development of new models of parent associations in Catholic schools in Queensland.