

# Shedding Light On Family Engagement.

Better relationships with families improves outcomes for students and the school.

The how, what and why on Family Engagement.

## 2018 Conference

August 20 & 21

Pullman Melbourne on the Park

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## Conference Program

### Day One Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August

- 9.00 **Registration and Morning tea**
- 9.30 **Welcome and Housekeeping**
- 9.35 **Conference Opening** - Minister for Education, The Hon. James Merlino
- 10.05 **Setting the Scene** – What is Family Engagement?
- 10.30 **Parent Engagement: Moving from “Random Acts” to a Systematic Approach** -  
Key note speaker Dr. Debbie Pushor

#### 12.00 Lunch

- 1.00 **Parenting Online:** Facebook Groups, Instagram Stories & everything in between -  
Mia Garlick, Director of Policy Australia and New Zealand, Facebook
- 1.45 **Big School:** creating a culture where learning can be an all day, every day everywhere process.  
Creating the place or community where we learn with, alongside and from each other -  
Fay Agterhuis, Principal, Point Lonsdale PS and Ross Dean, School Improvement Branch, SWVR, DET
- 2.45 **Afternoon tea**
- 3.00 **The Our Place model:** engaging the community - Greg McMahon, Executive Principal, Doveton College
- 4.00 **The Mindful Learning Community:** whole-school approaches for supporting young people and their  
families – Dr Addie Wootten and Andrew Jones, Smiling Mind
- 5.00 **Close Day One**

6.30 for 7.00 **Dinner** Dinner Speaker - Dr. Debbie Pushor - Realizing the Untapped Potential of Parent Engagement

### Day Two Tuesday 21st August

- 9.00 **Registration and Morning tea**
- 9.25 **Welcome and Housekeeping**
- 9.30 **Authentic engagement:** The role and nature of relationships in parent/professional partnerships –  
Key note speaker Dr Tim Moore, Murdoch Childrens Research Institute, RCH
- 10.30 **Parents as first educators** – Katy Haire, Deputy Secretary, Early Childhood and School Education Group, DET
- 11.15 **AGM** including presentation of 2018 Joan Kirner Award and 20 year+ member certificates
- 12.00 **Life member’s lunch**
- 1.15 **Workshop** - Using Parent Knowledge Alongside Teacher Knowledge to Enhance Teaching and Learning –  
Dr. Debbie Pushor (includes a 15 minute afternoon tea break)
- 4.00 **Conference close.**

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**Conference Venue – Pullman Melbourne on the Park**  
192 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne

**Limited parking** at a discounted self-park rate of \$30.00 per vehicle, per day is available at the venue. Alternative parking includes - Wilson Parking 34-60 Lt Collins St. Earlybird parking (before 10am) - \$16 – Conditions apply.

**Train** – Directly opposite Jolimont Station

**Tram** – Take Route 75 tram from Flinders St.

Get off at stop 11

## Registration / Tax Invoice



	PV Members – First 2 delegates	Subsequent Member Delegates (per person)	Non-Members
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 1 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b>	\$95	\$50	\$195
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 2 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	\$95	\$50	\$195
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 1 &amp; 2</b>	\$175	\$100	\$375
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Dinner – 20<sup>th</sup> August</b> (note: additional drinks at own expense)	\$70	\$70	\$120

Name Dr, Mr, Mrs, Ms

School/Organisation (if applicable)

Address

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Telephone (business hours)

Email

**Accommodation** – a special rate of \$235 including breakfast for one is available at the Pullman for delegates subject to availability. For details contact the Pullman on **9419 2000** and quote **Block ID 112465**.

**Please advise any special dietary requirements.**

**Payment can be made by cheque** payable to Parents Victoria Inc. and sent to Parents Victoria, PO Box 25, Wandong, 3758 or by EFT Name: Parents Victoria Inc BSB: 06 3002 A/C No. 00910511 Please include your surname as the reference.

**Registrations and payment** should reach the Parents Victoria office by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August. For registrations after this date please contact the office.

**Cancellations and refunds:** Please note no refunds can be made after the 13<sup>th</sup> August however substitute participants are welcome.

**Note** – Parents Victoria is heavily subsidising this conference for our members. Non-member schools wishing to attend should consider membership. Benefits include information and assistance for parents & parent clubs as well as greatly subsidised rates for conference.

**For details** [www.parentsvictoria.asn.au](http://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au) or email [office@parentsvictoria.asn.au](mailto:office@parentsvictoria.asn.au)

**Book early as this conference is likely to be a sell out!**

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# What they're saying about last year

*We love coming to the PV conference and supporting such an important organisation!*

I LOVED this conference - it's one of the best that I have been to. I attended this as a teacher as I am the Community Liaison Coordinator and we are looking to set up a Parents Group next year. Dr Gallagher is one of my heroes and I found the quality of, especially the keynote speakers extremely high. I feel that I came from the conference armed with so much useful information from the talks and from talking to people that I am enthusiastic about and now have the resources to set up avenues for parent involvement in our school.



## Key Note Speaker Dr. Debbie Pushor

Debbie Pushor, PhD, is a mother of three adult sons, Cohen, Quinn, and Teague, and a former public school teacher, consultant, principal and central services administrator. She currently works as a Professor in the Department of Curriculum Studies at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada. In her program of research, Debbie has engaged in narrative inquiries into parent engagement and leadership, a curriculum of parents, and parent knowledge. In her undergraduate and graduate teaching, Debbie makes central an often absent or underrepresented conversation about the positioning of parents in relation to school landscapes.

Debbie will shine a light on why Family Engagement is the missing link our students need to allow them to reach their full potential. She will explain the benefits of sharing our Funds of Knowledge, and most importantly, will show us how to embed Family Engagement into every area of the curriculum, so that it becomes a part of the everyday and not an add-on.

*It was outstanding!! I loved every aspect of this conference. Very well organised & amazing quality of speakers from DET to all other speakers. Thank-you XX*

The conference was excellent. The conference gave me lots of ideas and made me feel positive and encouraged about parent engagement in my child's school. Would recommend to any person with an interest in a young person's education - Parents, teachers, principals, counsellors. John Hendry's presentation was a revelation! I would love to have his positive voice heard at our school.



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