



The Benefits Of Belonging:

It is great to have your participation – to have parents' voices supporting our great public schools. Parents need to be well informed and parents need representation in our Public Schools more than ever.

Parents and their Parent Clubs need Parents Victoria, which extends beyond the boundaries of their own school. We are an independent organisation - we question, seek clarification and advocate on your behalf to the decision makers in regards to your children and school. We meet regularly with Department of Education & Training (DET) and State Government (Minister and advisors).

We do this because we know the incredible value family engagement in education brings to student outcomes and well-being. We know and live the realities of school life every day, and therefore bring a different parent focused view to the table when policies and programs are being developed.

Online access to Parents Victoria's Member Toolkit.

Access or opportunities to attend DET internal forums, video conferencing and consultations on educational topics

Regular "Parents Voice" e-newsletters, (6 per annum).

Newsletters will be sent to your club's nominated email address (your PV Rep as listed on your latest membership form).

We encourage you to circulate our e-newsletters to your parent club members and to identify relevant items for your wider school community. You might like to request your school to print or place relevant items in the school newsletter.

Substantially reduced rates at Annual Conference.

An opportunity to hear great speakers, network with other parents, put forward special action items (for consideration and voting) or propose items for inclusion or change to Parents Victoria policy which guides the work of Parents Victoria.



Membership of Parents Victoria directly assisted us to deliver our 2018 achievements.

These include:

Liaison with DET for improved communications re Parent Club operations

Provision of assistance to Parent Clubs to understand DET policies re Parent Clubs and School Councils

2018 Annual Conference - "Shedding Light on Family Engagement"

Conducting forums and 1:1 school visits across Victoria.

Session topics include – "Parents as Partners in the Education State";

"How to run a Successful Parent Club" and

"Schools seeking practical solutions to build relationships with families",

These forums emphasise the importance of family school partnerships and the benefits of effective communication between schools and families. They bring together parents, principals, teachers, school staff and management to share ideas for the future and inform parent clubs, school council parents and schools about operational requirements for parent clubs in schools.

Phone and email support for our member clubs re club and individual issues and concerns.

Provision and maintenance of our Website, Parents Voice newsletter and social media accounts.

Continued operation of a fixed office space in the Docklands. This space is used for Parents Victoria meetings.

Regular media coverage – conveying your views and PV policy on a range of educational topics.

Representation at National Level (ACSSO - Australian Council of State School Organisations

National Parent organisation of which Parents Victoria is the State member).

Attending DET Regional Leadership Conferences

PV continues to be a key stakeholder of the DET Complaints Management Reference Group; navigating families through the DET complaints process and supporting parents with matters at the Independent Office of School Dispute Resolution (IOSDR) - www.schoolresolution.vic.gov.au/Pages

Input into many submissions and reports on educational issues including -

DET Restraint and Seclusion Review; DET Complaints Policy;

VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) Review of VCE Minimum standards;

DET website information for Parent Clubs... and more.

Reference Groups include: Education Equity coalition; Vulnerable students; Parent Complaint policy and process; Parent Payments; School Funding; Suspensions and Expulsions; Respectful Relationships; Career Planning; Initial Teacher Education; School Council Training; A member of the Education State in Schools Guiding Coalition.

Representation to Ministers, DET, Statutory Authorities [e.g. Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA), Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA), Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT)] and on a range of Committees, Advisory Groups.

Parents Victoria receives regular requests to be on Ministerial Advisory Councils; Stakeholder Reference Groups for the Victorian Government (DET and Department of Health & Human Services) as well as representation on Coalitions and Alliance Groups with other Community Organisations, all making a positive difference for our Victorian children and their families.

Parents Victoria focuses strongly on advancing the partnership between families and school.

We represent you; we support you; we give you a voice on topics relevant to parents at the government level and in working with other relevant authorities and organisations.

Already a member? "Thank you"

Remind your school they can support your club by funding your membership to Parents Victoria, who works hard to support you, your school and our public school system.

Update your current contact details with us

This is the person whose details you provide to us via your membership form and which are then recorded on our membership database. This person receives information from us, such as "Parents Voice" newsletters, e-bulletins etc. WHO IS YOUR CURRENT CONTACT and what is the best way to reach them?

Note: PV throughout the year has urgent or important opportunities or alerts for parents' attention. You can follow us on our Facebook for the alerts or we can sms your nominated PV contact.

Please assist us by completing and submitting a 2019 Membership/ Invoice form with your payment. You can submit this online via the Parents Victoria website (under "Membership").

