



The Parents Victoria Cookbook

Recipes for Great Schools

Parents Victoria Online Conference 2021

11th October

10.00am - 2.00pm

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10.00am

Conference Official Opening

**Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and
Minister for Mental Health, James Merlino**



Parents Victoria will ask the Minister “What is your recipe for a great school?”

10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Caring through Connection - how we build relationships, develop trust and safety, and support regulation for our children to thrive and grow

Dr Elspeth Stephenson,

Lecturer in Education, Professional Learning, Faculty of Education, University of Tasmania

12.30 - 1.00

Constitution Changes and AGM

Includes presentation of the Joan Kirner Parent Participation Award.

1.00 - 2.00

Collective Conversation on Consent

Presenters:

1. Introduction and setting the scene

Debbie Ollis, Honorary Associate Professor, School of Education, Deakin University.
(Facilitator of this session)

2. Creating a culture where our children are safe (via video)

Chanel Contos, Sexual assault activist, tutor and postgraduate student

3. Comprehensive relationships and sexuality education

Katrina Marson, Advocate for Relationships & Sexuality Education

4. Wrap up and Call to Action

Participants are invited to post questions, comments, feedback in the Zoom Chat Box.

2.00 PM

Conference Close



The Secret Ingredient! Vitamin C

Community
Connection
Caring
Change
Creating
Culture
Comprehension
Consent
Conversation
Communication



Register

The Conference will take place on Zoom

It's free but registration is essential.

Please register by **October 10**

Registration via PV website homepage

www.parentsvictoria.asn.au

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Dr Elspeth Stephenson

Lecturer in Education, Professional Learning, Faculty of Education, University of Tasmania

Concerned that teachers & parents were unintentionally reacting detrimentally to children's "bad" behaviour, Elspeth has made it her mission to make Tasmania a "trauma informed state" to ensure parents and professionals understand how to deal with severely traumatised children.

"Complex trauma is multiple, ongoing and significant traumatic experiences in a child's life – neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse and those kinds of ongoing traumas.

This leads to changes in the way the brain develops and therefore has a lifelong impact, often manifesting itself in irregular behaviors, because children just can't regulate their emotions."

Elspeth's trauma informed teaching is rapidly gaining recognition across the country, with very positive outcomes already in her home state.



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Debbie Ollis

Honorary Associate Professor, School of Education,
Deakin University.

(Facilitator of this session)

Debbie Ollis is an Associate Professor in Education at Deakin University where she teaches and researches in the fields of gender, respectful relationships and sexuality education.

Debbie has worked in the health and sexuality education field for over 30 years as a secondary school teacher, policy officer, curriculum consultant, curriculum writer, teacher educator and researcher. She has co-authored two national frameworks in the area and written curriculum resources for state and federal governments.

Most recently she has written a respectful relationships curriculum for Victorian secondary schools and co-authored a sexuality education monograph for Universities. Her research is focused on capacity building in health and sexuality education, teacher education, gender and violence education and young people's experience of school based sexuality education.

Debbie is currently involved in number of projects in these areas, including an ARC linkage project researching young people's experience and voice in sexuality education



Chanel Contos

Sexual assault activist, tutor and postgraduate student

Chanel Contos is a sexual assault activist, tutor and postgraduate student currently undertaking a Masters of Education, Gender and International Development and International Global Studies at the University College of London.

Chanel shot into the public domain in February of 2021 after seeding the 'Teach Us Consent' movement in Australia which has inspired an ongoing national conversation around consent and the lack of education on the topic in schools. In her Instagram poll, @chanelc asked whether girls from Sydney had personally experienced - or knew someone who had experienced sexual assault. The results were shocking with over 70 percent saying yes. Since then, Chanel has published 6,500 personal testimonies from sexual assault survivors, and collected over 43,000 signatures demanding education reform.

In the short time which has followed, Chanel has begun to drive change across Australian states in the reform of sexuality education, legislative change and resource reallocation, engaging and collaborating with Parliamentary Officials, Police and Schools: acting as a key contributor to the launch of NSW Operation Vest sexual assault reporting system.

Chanel continues to present talks on the issue of consent education and is currently establishing an international organisation which will aim to reduce structural barriers to gender inequality, with a focus on providing educational materials and best practice. She has been covered extensively by print media globally in addition to featuring on prominent TV programs including BBC World, Sky News and Australian based: The Project, The Today Show and 60 minutes.

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Katrina Marson

Advocate for Relationships & Sexuality Education

Katrina Marson graduated from the Australian National University with a Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Laws (Honours) in 2012. She majored in Gender Studies in her Arts Degree, and her Law Honours thesis argued that the criminal justice system fails to reduce the incidence of unwanted sexual experiences for young Australians, compared to preventative education methods which are more effective.

In 2012, Katrina was awarded the Maree Ayers Prize for Criminal Justice and the Tillyard Prize for outstanding contribution to university life by the ANU. In 2013, she was named ANU Student of the Year.

She went into legal practice as a Criminal Lawyer, working for the ACT Director of Public Prosecutions since 2013, including in the family violence and sexual offences units. She spent a year of that period on secondment at Legal Aid ACT as a Criminal Defence Lawyer. In 2016 she was named ACT Young Lawyer of the Year.

In 2018, Katrina was appointed Director of the team responsible for implementing the criminal justice recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in the Australian Capital Territory. Legislative and policy reform to improve access to justice for victims of child sexual offending were the focus of those recommendations.

In 2020 she was named a Policy Impact Program Fellow in the inaugural program launched by the Winston Churchill Trust and the University of Queensland's Centre for Policy Futures.

Katrina sat on the Governance Committee of the Canberra Rape Crisis Centre between 2012 and 2017, and tutors in Criminal Law and Evidence Law at ANU.

She writes and speaks publicly in the area of law reform and policy, as well as relationships and sexuality education. She is also a contributor for the Sydney Morning Herald.

Katrina has a Graduate Certificate in Higher Education, and is undertaking a PhD at Swinburne University. She is the Lead Researcher for primary prevention projects at Rape and Sexual Assault Research and Advocacy, and is a member of the World Association for Sexual Health.

In 2020, she established the Relationships and Sexuality Education Alliance in the Australian Capital Territory. She lives and works on Ngunnawal country.

