

## Advancing parent-school partnerships

Parents Victoria supports and represents parents at Victorian government schools.

We aim to provide a forum - and a voice - for all parents and Parent Clubs within the public education system.



### What we believe

**We believe** in strong family engagement in children's education and the benefits of schools and families working together.

**We encourage** all parents to be positive partners in the education of their children.

**We encourage** all schools to engage strongly with their families and to welcome them as active partners in their children's education.



### Our vision

*A fully supported Victorian public education system meeting the needs of every student, where parents' voices are sought, heard and valued.*

### What we provide

- **Advice**, support and information for Parent Clubs
- **Support** for individual parents with school issues, e.g. discipline, bullying, disability ([via our website](#))
- **News and information** via website, email newsletter and social media
- **Representation** for parents via regular contact with the Education Department
- **Participation** in government committees, advisory/working groups and other key education stakeholder and community groups
- **A voice** for parents' views on school-related issues in the media
- **Relationship based Education (RbE)** - a philosophy of education that puts relationships at the centre
- **Seminars** (local and online) on topics relevant to parents and Parent Clubs
- **Annual State Conference**

## Our story

Parents Victoria was formed in 1925 as the Victorian Federation of Mothers Clubs. We have campaigned effectively over the years for many advancements in education, and broadened our role to advocate on behalf of all parents and Parent Clubs in the Victorian public education system.

PV is a non-profit organisation, with professional staff and governed by an elected Board.

We are affiliated with the Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO), enabling us to be involved in education issues nationally and internationally.



## Membership

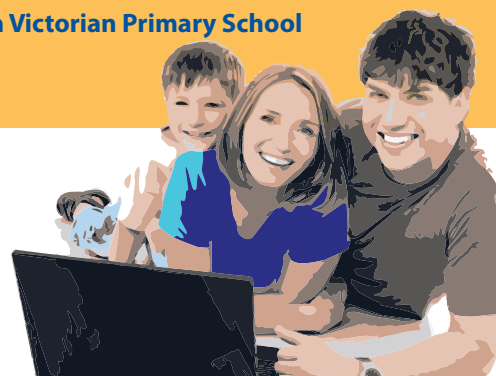
Parent Clubs, parents and schools can be members of Parents Victoria. Any interested person or organisation can also join as a Friend of Parents Victoria.

Members receive our monthly email newsletter *Parents Voice* and invitations to our events including Annual State Conference.

[See our website for more information about membership.](#)

*"Thanks for the support we received from Parents Victoria. I was honestly at a great loss of what to do when I contacted you and felt very worried for my daughter's future at the school... your involvement was greatly appreciated. I felt really listened to and acknowledged..."*

**Parent at a Victorian Primary School**



## How we help

Scenario	Action
The Education Department wants the parent perspective on a major new policy direction.	PV representative joins steering committee for the policy initiative, assists in planning and implementation.
Parents identify issues with a social or technological change, e.g. use of mobile devices in schools.	PV represents parents' concerns to the Education Department.
A parent is concerned that their child is being bullied and not attending school.	PV liaises with parents, school and Education Department to achieve a better outcome.

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