

# PV 2023 Conference

Saturday, October 7. An in-person event at the  
Pullman Melbourne on the Park

# State Education: THE ROAD AHEAD



Working with parents  
to find the way forward  
– we're listening

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## Introduction

State education is evolving and moving at a rapid rate – we invite you to contribute to the conversation. Here's your opportunity to hear from key people in education, to share your thoughts with them and other parents, in order to provide a collective voice on hot education topics to address the needs and aspirations of Victorian government school children.

We are also excited to have John Hendry OAM back to assist us with this endeavour, he will illustrate how we can all constructively contribute to achieve our objectives on a way forward.



### Registration and morning tea on arrival - from 9.00 am (includes coffee cart)

**10.00am – 10.45am**

Conference Official Opening

Minister for Education, Natalie Hutchins

Announcement of winner of the Joan Kirner Award 2023

**10.45am – 11.30am**

Relationships – a constructive focus

John Hendry OAM

Relationships that form in the educational environment are the bedrock for everything else that happens. Quality relationships are the key to quality education for children - we learn through relationships and this is where quality learning takes place. John has introduced RbE to school students, staff and communities in a number of Victorian government schools.

The world has changed and this is why it is critical for us all to know how to be at our best to navigate expectations and aspirations. It's important in education and in our lives generally. John will share how to have quality relationships; to have empathy and to embed a kind culture in all that we do.

Moving from a MeFirst Culture to a WeFirst Culture so we all contribute constructively.

Relationship based  
Education



**11.30 – 12.30**

Education Panel discussion with parents – The way forward

We know parents are passionate about their children's future – this is a chance for a substantive discussion – to constructively share ideas, hopes and dreams and to propose solutions to challenges the education system is experiencing.

What do parents think their students need to help them along the way?

What do you need to best support your children in their education?

What are the roadblocks you can see ahead?

What would you like to discuss and know more about?

The Panel will be a representation of leaders from Victorian education support organisations including

Association for Children with a Disability

Australian Education Union

Country Education Partnership

Victorian Principals Association

Victorian Student Representative Council

School Wellbeing Teamleader and Parents Victoria Board Member

**12.30 Let's have lunch** (Included in conference package)

**1.15 – 1.45**

Government school funding in Victoria - the Facts – Trevor Cobbold, National Convenor, Save Our Schools (SOS)

Trevor has been the national convenor of SOS since 2006 and is a life member of the ACT Council of Parents & Citizens Associations. Before he retired, he was an economist with the Productivity Commission and its predecessors for over 30 years. SOS advocates for a high quality public education system and increased equity in education. Trevor will unpack school funding in Australia in plain language and what needs to change.

**1.45 – 3.15**

Roadworks in progress! Wear your hard hats.

Once we have identified and unpacked the road blocks we need to construct some potential solutions. What is it that will support families and schools as they head on down the road? What are the important messages for the Department and Government?

**3.15 Afternoon tea**

**3.30 – 4.00** Parents Victoria AGM

**4.00 – 4.30** Conference Wrap Up & Thank You

**6.00pm** Join us for dinner (See conference pricing)





## Conference Venue – Pullman Melbourne on the Park

192 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne

**Limited parking** at a discounted self-park rate (until 16:00) of \$35.00 per vehicle, per day is available at the venue

**Train** – Directly opposite Jolimont Station

**Tram** – Take Route 75 tram from Flinders St. Get off at stop 11.

## Conference Pricing

### Early Bird Rate

(For the first 40 registrants. Offer ends close of business - September 15)

**Conference Day Package**     \$50

**Dinner**                             \$50

Regular rate (from September 16)

**Conference Day Package**     \$100

**Dinner**                             \$100

Please register for conference using this link:

<https://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au/get-involved/annual-conference/>

Please advise any special dietary requirements via the registration form.

**Accommodation:** A special conference rate can be offered - subject to availability. When you register for conference, PV will provide you with a specific event link so you can book directly with the Pullman Melbourne on the Park.

**Payment** can be made by EFT: Name: Parents Victoria Inc BSB: 06 3002 A/C No. 00910511

**Registrations & payment should be made by Thursday September 28th**

For registrations after this date please contact the office. [office@parentsvictoria.asn.au](mailto:office@parentsvictoria.asn.au)

**Cancellations and refunds:** Please note no refunds can be made after the 28th September however substitute participants are welcome.

Numbers are limited so early registration is recommended.



## Education Panel members



**Association for Children with a Disability**  
Karen Dimmock



**Australian Education Union**  
Meredith Peace



**Country Education Partnership**  
Mark McLay



**Victorian Principals Association**  
Andrew Dalgleish



**Victorian Student Representative Council**  
Julia Baron



**School Wellbeing Teamleader and Parents Victoria Board Member**  
Paul Fry

