



# Clairvaux MacKillop College Community And Family Engagement

At Clairvaux MacKillop College we recognise the important role that parents and caregivers play in developing their young person's positive attitudes towards learning and education, building their motivation and confidence as learners and fostering a lifelong love of learning.

As educators we are committed to working collaboratively with parents and caregivers for the benefit of our students and the Clairvaux MacKillop College community.

This flyer outlines our new engagement model designed by parents and staff of the college in consultation with Catholic School Parents Queensland. It replaces the Parents and Friends Association and is designed with contemporary families in mind.

## Our New Engagement Model

CMC Café is comprised of focus groups. Each is chaired by a member of the College Leadership Team. Expressions of interest are called for parent members of each group each year. One representative of each group is nominated to attend a CMC Café meeting each term as designated on the College calendar. The Secretariat Focus group, including the Deputy Principal, forms the hub of the Café. Focus groups meet at other times according to need. Focus groups are responsible for enlisting other parents to be involved in the organisation of celebrations, events and similar at various times throughout the year. The CMC Café Charter details the vision and operational principles and protocols of CMC Café.

## CMC Café Focus Groups

<b>Secretariat</b>	<b>Finance/ Club Southside</b>	<b>Info &amp; Communication</b>
<b>Events &amp; Celebrations</b>	<b>Identity, Learning &amp; Wellbeing</b>	<b>Risk &amp; Safety</b>



## Q&As

### Q: What sort of commitment is expected of those who join a focus group?

A: The parent/caregivers on each focus group will serve a yearly term (or less if their circumstances change), and are only able to be part of one focus group area during that term. One representative per focus group (plus the Assistant Principals) will be invited to attend a termly meeting of the CMC Café.

### Q: What are the criteria that will be used to select focus group members?

A: A member must be a current parent or caregiver of a CMC student, with a demonstrated willingness to actively and respectfully contribute to discussions. Each Assistant Principal will select the members of their focus groups following a nomination process, noting that members cannot be part of more than one focus group.

### Q: I don't have time to commit to focus groups, but I would still like to provide input and help out where I can and know what's going on...

A: Details of the termly meeting of the combined focus group reps and Assistant Principal/Deputy Principals will be available on the Parent Portal and published in the College Newsletter. Focus groups will use a variety of ways to incorporate parent voice and opportunities to provide practical assistance.

### Q: Why are we using this engagement model, and not the typical P&F?

A: This new engagement model has been purposefully designed by CMC Parents for CMC parents in partnership with the College Leadership Team. It is supported by Catholic School Parents Queensland which actively promotes new models of engagement in all Queensland Catholic Schools.

**Term 1, 2023**  
Tuesday 14 March  
6.00pm

**Term 2, 2023**  
Tuesday 6 June  
6.00pm

**Term 3, 2023**  
Tuesday 29 August  
6.00pm

**Term 4, 2023**  
Tuesday 21 November  
6.00pm



Current at time of publication and subject to change as further opportunities emerge through ongoing collaboration with the College community including parents/caregivers, staff and students.

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