

Media Release

25 November 2020



Catholic School Parents SA

New body launched to support parents with children in Catholic Schools

The South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (SACCS) is pleased to announce the formation of Catholic School Parents SA as the new representative body of Catholic school parents.

Chair of SACCS, Professor Denis Ralph, said "Parents and carers have always played a pivotal role in the success of Catholic schools in South Australia. This new parent representative and advocacy body will further enhance parent engagement and participation in the education and care of children and young people in Catholic schools in South Australia."

In 2020, the Commission engaged an independent reviewer to consult with parents in all Catholic schools to seek their feedback as to whether they felt they had an adequate voice in the education of their children and what kind of support they would like to see in the future.

"While acknowledging that the current structures have served parents and our school communities well in the past, the review recognised that parents and carers have busy lives and are looking for new ways to engage in and support the education of their children," Professor Ralph said.

Catholic School Parents SA will be closely aligned with the national body that represents and advocates for parents and carers of children and young people in Catholic schools across Australia, Catholic School Parents Australia, and will seek to have broad representation of parents of students in our schools.

"We are excited by the opportunity to engage with parents in our schools in new ways in 2021 and beyond," Professor Ralph said.

Media contact: Jenny Brinkworth
Catholic Communications
0438 727 677