



Parent Engagement: Changing mindsets to engage families in educational partnerships

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This workshop focuses on supporting parents, school leaders and teachers in understanding and implementing high impact practices that improve learning and wellbeing for students.

The workshop provides educational settings with the opportunity to reflect on their current parent engagement practices with the goal of shifting to high impact areas that will affect positive and meaningful engagement for parents. The workshop can be run as a full or half day program and is tailored to the individual context of each educational setting.

The workshop explores the importance of empowering families to support their children's learning and wellbeing and will enable school communities to ensure that teachers and parents work in partnership to build equitable and supportive learning pathways for children.

This workshop will inform participants on:

- Contemporary educational research indicating parent engagement as one of the most powerful predictors in a child's learning outcomes and social and emotional development
- Effective strategies to co create parent engagement opportunities with families
- Implementation of strategic approaches to parent engagement in their school setting.
- High yield strategies for parent engagement in the areas of data sharing, learning and social outcomes, communication platforms for families and engaging families in transition periods
- An audit tool to explore possible parental engagement shifts in your settings



Carmel Hewitt

Carmel has worked in the education and wellbeing sector for the past 20 years and has extensive expertise in the area of parental engagement, parent education, and social and educational policy research as well as wellbeing program implementation.

Carmel has worked with School Principals, teachers, school staff, parents and parent leadership organisations developing a broad knowledge in the areas of parent leadership, parent engagement in learning and wellbeing, parenting skills programs and parent wellbeing. Carmel has current experience writing and developing parent education programs using latest research and trends as well as facilitating parent engagement and parenting programs to parents and carers.