

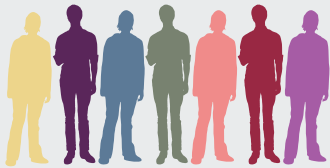
## Parent Assembly is an organisation for parents and activated by parents

Parent Assembly is an authentic grassroots parent organisation. Each level of Parent Assembly is comprised of parents of children in our parish schools.



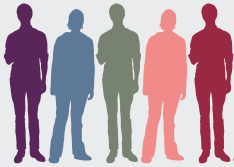
### Parish School Level

Parent representatives are chosen from each school



### Regional Level

Parent representatives meet once a term as a regional cluster



### Diocesan Level

Two parent representatives are nominated from each region to attend the Diocesan meeting held once a term



### State Level

Two parent representatives are nominated from the Diocesan group to attend the state Catholic schools representative parent body, the CCSP


## Parent Assembly and You

All parents of children in Catholic schools in the Lismore diocese are members of Parent Assembly. To further support this organisation of parents simply:

- Support your school Parent Assembly events by your attendance
- Come along to our inspiring annual events
- Consider becoming a Parent Representative for your school.

## Events of the Parent Assembly

- Parent events at each school that meet the needs of the parent community in the key areas of faith formation, parenting education and parent engagement in learning.
- Annual Diocesan Parenting Conference that features Australia's leading experts in many fields of parenting and faith topics.
- Annual Family Retreats that provide faith formation opportunities for the whole family in a fun and friendly setting.
- Annual Sisterhood Retreat that extends and deepens women's relationships with God in a supportive and nurturing environment.
- MenAlive Conference sponsorship that allows men the opportunity to attend this annual Brisbane event.

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*Promoting faith and family for fullness of life*

DIOCESE OF LISMORE

# Catholic Schools Parent Assembly

*Parents in Partnership*



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## Our Mission

**Parent Assembly is an organisation dedicated to serving the parents of the Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools.**

The primary purpose of the Parent Assembly is to partner with parents to help them effectively fulfil their role as the 'first and foremost educators' of their children.

Parent Assembly works in 5 key domains in their partnership with parents and schools:

### 1. Parent Assembly is passionate about accompanying families on their spiritual journeys.

We do this by offering:

- ✿ Diocesan events open to all parents of children in Catholic schools
- ✿ Prayer groups at parish schools
- ✿ Student discipleship family events
- ✿ Providing excellent faith formation literature



Lenten Prayer Groups

Sisterhood Groups

Christian Meditation

### 2. Parent Assembly is passionate about helping parents be the best parents they can be.



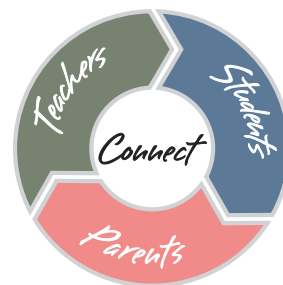
We do this by providing parent education workshops that:

- ✿ Meet the needs of parents
- ✿ Meet the needs of the school
- ✿ Cover a range of topics
- ✿ Include some of Australia's leading parenting experts

### 3. Parent Assembly is passionate about engaging parents in the educational experience of their children.

When parents are actively engaged in their child's educational journey:

- ✿ Children experience better learning outcomes
- ✿ Children's social and emotional wellbeing improves
- ✿ Parents and school staff feel more supported in their roles



Parent/child literacy & numeracy workshop

Staying Connected in Secondary School seminar

The Power of Parent Engagement seminar

Parent Assembly partners with schools to help provide parents with opportunities to connect with their child's learning.

### 4. Parent Assembly is passionate about advocacy for Catholic schools.

When required, Parent Assembly disseminates important information to parents about issues such as government funding and advocates for fair and equitable school funding through their membership on the NSW Council of Catholic School Parents.

### 5. Parent Assembly is passionate about supporting parents to build networks within their school community.

A key belief of the Parent Assembly is that 'it takes a village to raise a child'.

- ✿ The parish school is a community with Christ at the centre that cares for all of its members
- ✿ Parents and children both experience better outcomes when they feel connected with and supported by, others in their school community.



*It Takes a Village*

**"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10**