



# About Us

## Queensland Independent Schools Parents Network Keeping you informed and in touch

### Who Are We?

**We are a strong voice for the needs and interests of parents who choose an independent education for their children.**

The Queensland Independent Schools Parents Network is the recognised representative body for the parents and carers of children attending independent schools in Queensland.

It is also a valuable source of information on current schooling issues and education changes at the state and national levels.

Our work involves:

- supporting parents to engage positively in their child's education to enhance their academic and social outcomes
- sharing research and resources with schools about the benefits of parent engagement
- providing input and feedback into education policy reviews, discussion papers and surveys
- attending meetings and forums hosted by governments, education departments and peak educational bodies
- working closely with other representative parent groups to enhance education policy and funding outcomes for all Queensland students
- maintaining an easy-to-navigate website and facebook page with the latest education issues, policy changes as well as useful and timely advice for parents.

The QIS Parents Network is led by Executive Officer Sue Kloeden who is supported by a Reference Group comprised of a diverse range of parents whose children attend independent schools in city and regional locations across the state. It is governed by a Board of Directors and is supported by the state's peak organisation for independent schools, Independent Schools Queensland.

**We know you're busy. That's why we've made it easy for you to connect with us.**

**Jump online and visit our website [www.parentsnetwork.qld.edu.au](http://www.parentsnetwork.qld.edu.au) or like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/QISParentsNetwork](https://www.facebook.com/QISParentsNetwork) to keep up to date with the latest schooling news.**

We invite you to add a link from your school, parent or education sector website to the QIS Parents Network website and to include the web address in your e-newsletters. You can also share specific articles of interest from our website or Facebook page with your school or online parent groups.

Let us know what you like about the website and what other information you'd like us to consider publishing. Email your feedback to [info@parentsnetwork.qld.edu.au](mailto:info@parentsnetwork.qld.edu.au)

## You Can Influence Your Child's Learning

**Parent attitudes to education and the expectations they hold can have a profound impact on how well their children do at school.**

Parents have a powerful role to play, in partnership with schools and teachers, in enriching the academic, social and emotional development of their children.

International and national research findings over the past 40 years have repeatedly confirmed that parents who are supportively engaged in their child's education have a positive influence on their academic outcomes and wellbeing. Engagement is more than just supporting your school by volunteering for tuckshop or reading hour.

## Engaging in Their Education

**Parent engagement is about being a positive partner with your child's school in their education journey and success.**

There are a range of ways parents can support and encourage their child to achieve their best at school.

### Foster positive attitudes to school by:

- reinforcing the value of education and the critical importance of attending school every day
- reading to your child in the early years and encouraging and role-modelling a love of reading in the later years
- showing an interest in their learning and connecting their classroom activities and content to what's happening in the world around them
- helping them understand how they learn best and as they mature supporting them to be more independent and make decisions on their own
- creating a stimulating environment at home with books and activities, or by attending events at local cultural, environmental or scientific centres.

### Identify and nurture your child's aptitude by:

- supporting your child to develop their talents and discover their passions
- encouraging them to have a "growth mindset" which empowers them to view their intelligence and abilities as things that aren't fixed, but can be enhanced with ongoing hard work, determination and perseverance.

### Give your child's aspirations altitude by:

- setting high, but realistic, expectations for your child's education and discussing how, as a family, you can work together to support your son or daughter to achieve them
- discussing where learning, passion and commitment can take your child in the future
- providing inspiring examples of successful people to whom your child will relate.

Visit [www.parentsnetwork.qld.edu.au](http://www.parentsnetwork.qld.edu.au) for more information on the research that underpins the importance of parent engagement and its impact on student achievement and wellbeing.