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To: Principals of Catholic Schools
Chairpersons of School Boards
Presidents, Parents and Friends

Dear Colleagues,

The Federation’s 3rd Annual Conference

The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities is delighted to announce our 3rd Annual Conference for parents and educators:

The Essential Conversation
Establishing and maintaining effective conversations between parents and educators

Parents and educators are members of the same team – partners – striving together for the same goal. The goal of guiding and supporting children and young people as they develop, learn, fail, rise after failure, succeed and question. This partnership is complex and can be the scene of challenging conversations.

When: Saturday 30th May 2015
Time: 9.45am to 4.00pm
Where: Mary MacKillop Centre, High St, Kensington
Cost: $100 (GST free) subsidised rates apply for regional participants

GET IN QUICK!
Register and pay by Thursday 2nd April and be in the running to have your school’s registration costs reimbursed.

What is the Annual Conference all about?
The 2015 Conference will be an opportunity for parents and educators in SA Catholic schools to come together in partnership to:
• explore why the partnership between schools, teachers, families and parents is a complex issue.
• gain an understanding about the collective impact framework and how it can be used to unpack the complex issue of parent/educator conversations.
• develop practical skills to establish and maintain effective conversations between parents and educators by participating in a workshop and conversation cafe.
• gain an understanding about the layers of influence that impact upon parental engagement in schooling and learning,
• hear how the role of the parent in the school community is central and constantly evolving.
• meet and network with other Catholic school parents and educators.
• be a part of Federation’s AGM
We are inviting schools to register and cover the costs to sponsor 1 or 2 delegates to attend.

Be inspired to attend by the comments of some who attended last year’s conference.

“There was so much sharing – and not just information, but stories and case studies that were truly inspiring, thought provoking and driving us to seek action and change”.

“Thank you to the Parent Federation team for all your efforts. It was a very valuable day”.

“It was a great conference in which we took a great deal of productive and practical new ideas and understandings. Thank you”.

For more information and registration details go to our website

Yours sincerely,

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Conference Convenor

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