

Thursday 25th February, 2021

Dear Shelley parents and caregivers,

This year we are partnering with thefatheringproject.org to introduce The Fathering Project at Shelley Public School.



What is The Fathering Project? (From www.thefatheringproject.org)

“More effective fathers and father-figures means a generation of kids with happier, healthier futures. The Fathering Project aims to inspire and equip fathers and father-figures to positively engage with the children in their lives – for the benefit of kids.

Founded in 2013 by Professor Bruce Robinson in Western Australia, The Fathering Project has since expanded operations to New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland.

Since foundation, The Fathering Project has developed a research arm, a library of fathering tips and resources and a core Dads Group program that works with schools to engage fathers and father-figures across Australia.”

The Fathering Project Dads Groups - By dads, for dads – to engage, belong and learn!

“Since 2014, The Fathering Project has been working with schools supporting the establishment and maintenance of Dads Groups. We provide an environment where fathers and father-figures feel welcome to gather, share, learn and bond with each other and with their kids.”

We think this is a really exciting opportunity for parents to get more involved at school, so are hoping to get a Dads group started at Shelley PS – and we are fortunate to have one of our Year 1 fathers who is very keen to help coordinate the group.

Whilst at this stage, due to Covid restrictions, we won't be able to gather at school, we are thinking about some alternatives. We would like to launch The Fathering Project at Shelley PS in Term 2, and are therefore sending this note to find out who might be interested.

You can find out more about The Fathering Project at www.thefatheringproject.org

ATTENTION DADS: We are asking fathers who think they might like to be involved, to return the attached note by Friday 12th March. (For the best success, we need 2-3 dads who will work together to coordinate the group, so if you are interested in helping, please indicate on the note).

We look forward to seeing Shelley dads having the opportunity to come together, learn from and with each other and engage with their children.

Jo-Ann Campion

Principal

Leanita Williams

Deputy Principal

Charlie Burke

Parent Co-ordinator

Return to Office

Due: Friday 12th March, 2021

The Fathering Project

Parent Name: _____ Phone No: _____

Children and Classes: _____

- I am interested in being part of the Shelley Fathering Project Dads Group.
- I would also be willing to help coordinate the group.

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