

# The Effectiveness and Importance of Fathering Programs in Schools



- + We know that fathers and father figures have a major influence on their children's success at school not only academically, but cognitively, socially and emotionally.
- + What we don't yet fully understand is how to engage fathers in educational settings to reap these benefits for their child, their family as a whole and generations to come.

The Fathering Project ([www.thefatheringproject.org](http://www.thefatheringproject.org)) has developed a successful program of activities which helps fathers:

- + *Understand their importance in their child's life*
- + *Recognise areas for improvement in their relationship, and*
- + Provides practical steps towards better engagement with their children



In order to better understand how to implement our program, we are seeking your support to take advantage of an exciting opportunity.

Leading researchers at Curtin University are available to supervise a dedicated PhD candidate to develop a comprehensive research study to:

- + review the literature of evidence based programmes with fathers of primary aged children
- + design a study to
  - 1) evaluate the experience of Dads in The Fathering Project's school Dads' groups
  - 2) evaluate the impact of the Dads' groups on father and child outcomes
- + Implement an evaluation and report on outcomes



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*We thank you for considering the importance of our work and hope to partner with you to improve the engagement of Australian fathers in schools across the country.*