

The Fathering Project provides schools with access to online tools, programs, activities and evidence-based resources, with an emphasis on increasing father involvement in education to strengthen family partnerships, improve community engagement, and support your student wellbeing priorities.



Our research finds a three year commitment has the most impact in behaviour change and outcomes.

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	Provides the essential resources to educate staff and families on the importance of father involvement in education for the benefit of students.	Offers community engagement activity ideas and toolkits to build strong family partnerships with fathers and father figures at your school.	Delivers a proven way to empower staff and families to make a meaningful impact on student wellbeing priorities together.
Digital resource library	✓	✓	✓
Father inclusive practise guide for staff	✓	✓	✓
Fathers and education research summary	✓	✓	✓
Dads and kids activity resources to use at home	✓	✓	✓
Dads and kids events toolkit and guide		✓	✓
Online family partnerships planning tool		✓	✓
Intensive father engagement workshops and events			✓

Why directly target fathers?

- Children do better in school when their fathers are involved, regardless of whether their fathers live with them or live apart.
- Children whose fathers participate in school activities, meetings and events also enjoy school more, are less likely to have behaviour issues and are more likely to participate in extracurricular activities.
- Fathers are more likely to engage in school if they are directly invited or targeted.

How students benefit

- ✓ Increased student connectedness with school
- ✓ Reduced delinquent behaviours
- ✓ Increased self-esteem and resilience
- ✓ Reduced engagement in unhealthy and risky behaviours
- ✓ Reduced bullying behaviours
- ✓ Increased physical activity and better health outcomes

How staff benefit

- ✓ Enhanced student wellbeing allowing for readiness to learn
- ✓ Increased student respect for school leaders, teachers, and other staff
- ✓ Improvements in academic development of students
- ✓ Decreased student behaviour issues leading to more time for teaching and learning
- ✓ Improvements in attendance leading to more continuity of learning in classes

What the research says

We know that a working partnership between the family and the school can have an enormous impact on the success, happiness and health of students. The evidence around the impact of engaged fathers on a child's wellbeing and educational outcomes is considerable.

Research shows that when schools have an emphasis on specifically engaging fathers and involving them in a child's education, they will see more significant benefits for their students and for the school community as a whole.*

* Martin, K, Wood, L (2013). The Fathering Project; Projected Social and Economic Benefits. The University of Western Australia, Perth, Western Australia. U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics. Fathers' Involvement in Their Children's Schools, NCES 98-091, by Christine Winquist Nord, DeeAnn Brimhall, and Jerry West, Washington, DC: 1997. (NCES, 1997)

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