The term parent is used to include natural, adoptive or foster parents, guardians and caregivers of students. All parents are members of the VCSPB by virtue of their children attending Catholic schools. Links with parents are through school boards or like school-based parent organisations.

The guiding principles of the VCSPB are to:

- **represent** parents of students in Catholic schools at diocesan, state and national levels, through school boards, or school based parent support groups
- **support the work** of the Victorian Catholic education authorities in advancing the interests of Catholic schools and their students

The purposes of the VCSPB are to:

- **provide a forum** to represent parents of students in Victorian Catholic schools
- **promote parents as partners** in education with the school, Church and the community
- **promote the principles** of Catholic education in collaboration with the Diocesan Bishops
- **promote Catholic schools** as schools of first choice for Catholic families.

The **key purpose** of the VCSPB is advocacy, enabling the voice of parents as stakeholders in Catholic education to be heard, and informing views at diocesan, State and national levels. The VCSPB is a founding member of Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) established in 2013.

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Council Members

**Tracey O’Neill**

Tracey joined the Council in November 2011 as a representative for the Diocese of Ballarat. Tracey was elected Chair of the Council.

Tracey represents the VCSPB on the Council and Executive of the Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) which was formed in 2013 to be the national peak representative body for parents with children in Catholic schools.

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**Lisa Hughes**

Lisa has represented the Eastern Region of the Archdiocese of Melbourne since August 2010 and is Deputy Chair of the Council.

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**Morgan Murphy**

Morgan representing the Diocese of Sandhurst joined the Council in 2014.

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**Bob O’Shea**

Bob representing the Diocese of Ballarat joined the Council in 2014.

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**Rachel Saliba**

Rachel representing the Northern Region of the Archdiocese of Melbourne joined the Council in 2014.

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