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Promoting family, school and community partnerships to enhance the learning outcomes of students.

The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT (CCSP) is proud to declare open the 2021 Roger O'Sullivan Memorial Award for Family, School and Community Partnerships for Learning.

The award recognises a school community, including parents and carers, that can demonstrate exemplary practice in building partnerships between home and school to enhance the learning outcomes of students.

“The project may focus on faith formation, the school curriculum, student wellbeing or any combination of the three.” said Peter Grace, Executive Director, CCSP. He continued “At the heart of this award are family, school and community partnerships where all groups are authentically engaged to enhance student learning.”

The community will receive \$4000 to support the development of a 2021 initiative or an ongoing project.

The genuinely collaborative community partnership demonstrated by St Joseph's Primary School Uralla, recipient of the 2020 Roger O'Sullivan Memorial Award, is an excellent example of parent engagement benefiting student outcomes. The genesis of the initiative was in 2016 after the school identified a need to further support students' learning needs by involving them in a practical yet meaningful project.

This short video explains some benefits of the project [CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)



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Background for Media

- The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT assists parents and carers by advocating on relevant issues that have an impact on the education of Catholic school students.
- More than 50 years of research has shown that family, school and community engagement improves student learning outcomes.
- The award recipient will receive a trophy and \$4,000 to support the further development of the project.
- All NSW/ACT Diocesan and financially affiliated Congregational Catholic Schools are eligible to enter the 2021 Roger O'Sullivan Memorial Award for Family, School and Community Partnerships for Learning.
- Applications open on 17 May 2021 and close 20 July 2021
- Recipient and finalists will be announced during August 2021
- Application forms and entry details available at www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/ros-entry-details
- The Roger O'Sullivan Award was created in 2014 to recognise and celebrate the myriad of ways that Catholic schools, families and communities work together to enhance student learning.
- Throughout his long and distinguished career as an educator, leader and advocate, Roger O'Sullivan made an extraordinary contribution to Catholic education in Australia.
- As the first Executive Officer of the Council of Catholic School Parents Roger O'Sullivan built a strong foundation for the voice of parents and carers in Catholic education.

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