

MEDIA RELEASE

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Congratulations Mrs Carmel Nash OAM

Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) congratulates their Deputy Chair Mrs Carmel Nash on being awarded an Order of Australia Medal for services to education in Queensland. “We see first - hand the dedicated and tireless work of Carmel at a state and national level”, said CSPA Chair Mr Karl Rodrigues, “she has a wonderful ability of connecting people and ideas towards change”.

Carmel brings a ‘parent’ perspective to her many and varied roles around education in Queensland. She is the Executive Director of The Federation of Parents & Friends Associations of Catholic Schools in Qld; the Deputy Chair of the Qld Catholic Education Commission (QCEC); a member of the QCEC Political Advisory Subcommittee; a member of the QCEC Education Committee; and a member of the Religious Institute Principals group. Membership of other Qld State committees include: the Queensland Joint Parent Committee and the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority’s (QCAA) Yrs. 7 – 12 Curriculum Assessment Certification Committee. Carmel is also the parent representative on the National Catholic Education Commission.

Karl continued, “Through the CSPA window into Carmel’s work-life, we hear her knowledge, feel her passion and are always prompted to reflect on her shared wisdom. She has an extraordinary ability to bring the parent perspective to many varied forums, be they with Catholic Church leaders or representatives, state or federal politicians, school leaders, teachers or parents.”

A current focus of Carmel’s work is around nurturing the partnership between schools and parents towards engaging parents more in their children’s education. Last week-end’s Qld Catholic P&F Federation conference in Townsville, entitled *Collaborating for Success*, is an example of Carmel’s work in connecting parents and educators, using both national and international presenters.

Karl concluded, “This award is a fitting acknowledgement of Carmel’s tireless, dedicated and passionate work for education and we are privileged that CSPA continues to benefit through her enormous contribution on our national council”.

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