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Created for Respectful Relationships

A pastoral vision for Consent and Respectful Relationships Education in Catholic schools

HOW CAN WE CREATE CONDITIONS THAT KEEP CHILDREN SAFE?

We are holding a one-day event to discuss how Consent and Respectful Relationships Education (CRRE) can create those conditions. We know that CRRE, when done well, helps children and young people develop the knowledge, language and relational skills to understand dignity, boundaries, consent, healthy relationships and help-seeking.

This is a professional development opportunity. You will also be part of the launch of a suite of materials that offer a theological framework and practical guidance on how to shape the environment around you by influencing what a school community notices, models, challenges and accepts.

Date: Thursday 5 November 2026

Time: 9am – 4.30pm (AEDT); registration from 8.30am

Venue:

In person: Level 7, Greg Craven Centre, St Teresa of Kolkata Building, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy 3065

Online: event will be live streamed: from 9am – 3.15pm

Registration: No fee but note that registration is essential if you want to attend online and for catering
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Keynote: Justice Jennifer Coate AO will share her insights into the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. It has been nearly 10 years since the final report of the Royal Commission was published in 2017. What have we learned? How have Catholic institutions responded?

Reflections: Professor Larissa McLean Davies, Executive Dean, Faculty of Education and Arts

Guest speakers: Reverend Associate Professor Jamie Calder and Dr Janine Luttick will present a theological perspective on how CRRE is part of the broader mission of Catholic education to foster relationships that are life-giving, humanising, and attentive to the dignity of every person.

Guest speakers: Professor Daryl Higgins and Dr Gabrielle Hunt will apply findings from the national Australian Child Maltreatment Study and explain why the Catholic education sector needs to embrace the recommendations.

Panel discussion with ACU graduate teachers, Religious Institute and Ministerial Public Juridic Person educators, facilitated by Dr Janine Luttick and Dr Gabrielle Hunt

Launch of the resources with perspectives on next steps by Anthony Whitty, Chief Education Officer of VCEA; and Caitlin Humphrys, CRRE Consultant

Concluding reflections: Professor Richard Colledge, Executive Dean, Faculty of Theology and Philosophy

Refreshments throughout the day and after 3.15 pm where we can chat, mingle and network

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