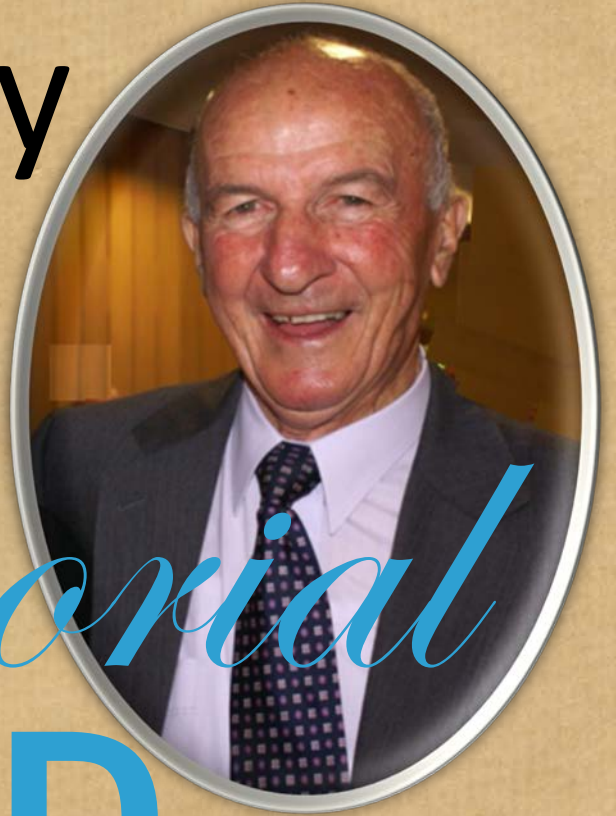
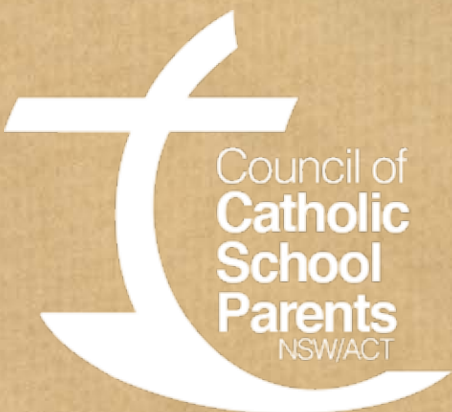


**Roger O'Sullivan**  
Family, School and  
Community  
Partnership



*Memorial*  
**AWARD**



## About the Award:

The *Roger O'Sullivan Family, School and Community Partnership Memorial Award* is named in honour of Roger O'Sullivan who was the first executive officer of the Council of Catholic School Parents and who made an extraordinary contribution to education in NSW and nationally throughout his long and distinguished career.

Roger O'Sullivan passed away in 2015.

*Pictured at right with wife Moira*



In 2007 the CCSP held the inaugural *Roger O'Sullivan lecture* and then in 2014 introduced the annual *Roger O'Sullivan Award* for school communities. In particular, it recognises the work undertaken by Roger in building the solid foundations of the CCSP and giving an avenue for parent voice and advocacy, which continued long after his retirement due to his special knack of empowering others.

The annual *Roger O'Sullivan Family, School and Community Partnership Memorial Award* is for a school community that can **show exemplary practice** in family - school partnerships that has led to improved outcomes in the ***faith development, learning & well-being*** of all students.

Parent engagement, in the Catholic school context is:

*... an intentional and collaborative strategy to support and leverage the knowledge and capacities of families, to improve the faith development, learning and well-being outcomes for all students, by making connections between the different spaces that children learn in.*

We know that effective collaborative home - school partnerships, are based on mutual trust, respect and a shared responsibility for the education and well-being of students by all members of the Catholic school and parish community.

Parent involvement refers to parent participation in formal and informal activities at the school such as attending meetings or volunteering at events. Parent engagement refers to the integral role parents have in supporting their child's faith, learning and wellbeing.

Applicants are called to detail how one or more of the following partnership dimensions\* are being utilised to both involve and authentically engage their whole school community in significant change, to improve faith, learning and wellbeing outcomes for all students:

- Communicating
- Connecting Learning at Home and School
- Building Community and Identity
- Recognising the Role of the Family
- Consultative Decision-Making
- Collaborating Beyond the School
- Participating

\* Source: [Australian Government's Family-School Partnerships Framework \(2008\)](#)

For examples of 'promising' practice and resources for furthering family-school partnerships visit the [CCSP](#) and [Partners4Learning](#) websites.

[www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au)  
[www.partners4learning.edu.au](http://www.partners4learning.edu.au)

### Award recipients will:

- receive \$4000 to support the further development of an existing initiative which aims to build parent and community engagement through collaborative partnerships;
- receive a framed award;
- get a write-up in the CCSP's quarterly newsletter, "Parent Talk, which is distributed widely to school boards, parent groups, principals, state and federal politicians, journalists, Catholic Church officials, the Catholic Education Offices and other state and national Parent Associations, and;
- be showcased on the [CCSP](#) and [Partners4Learning](#) website.

### Eligibility

This award is open to Catholic education communities in NSW.

*Please note: All systemic (Diocesan) Catholic schools are eligible to apply given that they are all members of the CCSP. Only Independent (Congregational) Catholic schools that have affiliated with the CCSP in 2017 are eligible to apply. If you are unsure, please contact the CCSP.*

The following entities are eligible to apply:

1. P&F Associations of Catholic schools (or similar body e.g. a school board or council)
2. Catholic Schools
3. Cluster of Catholic Schools

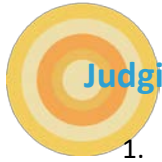
### Application Process and Endorsement

1. Applications open on 25 August, 2017
2. Applications close on 20 October, 2017
3. All applications must be endorsed as follows:
  - if a P & F Associations (or equivalent body) – endorsement by the school Principal
  - if a school – endorsement by the P & F President and the school Principal
  - if a cluster of Schools - endorsed by the P&F Presidents and school Principals of all schools
4. Applications must be submitted electronically or in hard copy using the this nomination form available on the CCSP website:
 

<http://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/2016-roger-osullivan-award>
5. Applications should be sent to the CCSP for judging by a panel agreed to by the CCSP.
6. Completed applications to be postmarked 20 October, 2017 at the latest and mailed to:

**Executive Director  
Council of Catholic School Parents  
PO BOX 20756  
WORLD SQUARE 2002**

Or emailed to: [office@ccsp.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@ccsp.catholic.edu.au) by 20 October, 2017



## Judging and Presentation

1. Notification will take place in November 2017.
2. All applicants will be considered by the judging panel on the basis of how their initiative:
  - a) has been improved parent / community engagement ;
  - b) is directed at improving the faith development, learning and/ or well-being of students
  - c) is a genuinely collaborative partnership between families and/or broader community and the school.
3. The CCSP will acknowledge receipt of all applications.
4. The judging panel will select one of the applicants to receive the award.
5. The successful applicant will be contacted by a member of the judging panel to confirm they are willing to accept the award.
6. All applicants will receive a letter from the Chair of the CCSP to notify them of the outcome of the judging.
7. The successful applicant will either be invited to send representatives to attend a meeting of CCSP or CCSP personnel may be available to visit the school to present the award.
8. Recipients of the Roger O'Sullivan Award will receive a memento and a grant of \$4000 to support and further their project/initiative for which they are being recognised.

**Roger O'Sullivan Partnership Memorial Award  
APPLICATION FORM**

This form must be completed for all applications.  
Applications close on 20 October, 2017

**1. Details of Entity/s applying:**

Category:                      P & F Association/Parent Body                      School                      Cluster of Schools  
(Please circle)

**School Name/s:**

**Contact person:**

**Role:**

**Contact Details:** Address:

Phone Number:

Email:


**Who will be responsible for the final report for the project/program/initiative?**

What would a *Roger O'Sullivan Family, School & Community Partnership Memorial Award* winner look like?

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Every school context is different and therefore schools will need to show how they have responded to the individual characteristics of their community in significantly improving the outcomes of their Students through authentic and engaging family – school partnerships utilising one or more of the partnership dimensions.

*They need to show how they have made a real difference for students, staff and families in their community.*



**Partnership Dimensions**

**Submission of Applications:**

Entries should be submitted electronically or in hard copy to the Executive Director of the CCSP at:

- Email - [office@ccsp.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@ccsp.catholic.edu.au) with the subject Roger O'Sullivan Award
- Post – P O Box 20756, WORLD SQUARE NSW 2002

**Closing date for submission of applications:**

Closing date for nominations is 5 pm 20 October, 2017.

**Endorsement Declaration:**

As the person submitting this application, I/we certify that all information provided is done so in good faith and truthfully.

**Applicant contact person/s:**

**Name:**

**Signature:**

I also declare that the persons named below are aware of and support the application and all information contained in the documentation provided and can be contacted to validate the application if required.

**Please choose applicable person/s.**

- Principal: (If applicant is a school or P & F Association/Parent Body)**

Name:

School:

Contact Number:

Email:

- President/Chair of P&F or similar body: (If applicant is a school)**

Name:

School:

Contact Number:

Email:

*If more than one school/body is applying include additional endorsements below:*

- Principal 2: (If applicant is a cluster of schools)**

Name:

School:

Contact Number: Email:

- President/Chair of P&F or similar body: (If applicant is a cluster of schools)**

Name:

School:

Contact Number:

Email:

## 1. Details of Application:

**Please describe the project / activities your school has implemented in your school to engage parents in their child's faith development and/or learning and/or wellbeing.**

Your written application should outline in detail:

1. the ways in which the initiative has improved or built upon parent and/or community engagement to impact the faith formation, and/or learning and/or well-being outcomes of students in your Catholic school community(ies);
2. how all stakeholders - parents/carers, students, teachers, school staff, the parish and/or community organisations - have been involved and engaged in the collaborative partnerships;
3. the role of key personnel (paid & volunteer) involved;
4. the intentional and unexpected outcomes of the project, and;
5. plans for sustainability.