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On Tuesday St Vincent's School was asked to present a session on our Family School Partnership Program at a Sale Diocese Learning Expo at the Latrobe Convention Centre. Catholic Education staff and teachers from all over Gippsland attended from as far away as Orbost in the east to Narre Warren in the west and many in between.

It was a great chance for us to showcase that we value our parents as true partners, as our main input came from Catherine Lambert, speaking from a parent’s perspective. Catherine did an amazing job, outlining such things as the ‘Parent Buddy’ Program and so much more.

I had many colleagues come to me later in the day and comment on Catherine’s obvious passion on the subject. Having a parent present did not go unnoticed as she received a special note of thanks and encouragement from the Head of the Learning Pathways Team in her closing remarks of the day.

Leonie Blair was also to present at the session but unfortunately had sick children on the day. We are very grateful to both Catherine and Leonie for agreeing to share their perspectives with the wider educational community of Gippsland.