



Elders
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Elder's Advisory Council (EAC)

In 2020, Parkville College established a unique and exciting leg to its school: the Elder's Advisory Council (EAC).

The establishment of the EAC has never been seen before in any Government School in Victoria, and signals Parkville College's commitment to learning and working with the myriad of communities our young people identify with.

Founded by Senior Wurundjeri Elder, advocate and author OAM Aunty Joy Murphy, the council has 13 active members representing Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander, Pasifika, African, Muslim, Christian and Jewish communities.

Aunty Joy believed that although young people in Youth Justice and Secure Care were interacting with multiple services during their time in custody, the one gap that was integral in the development of a young person, is the presence of an 'elder'.

Sustaining the bridge between custodial services and diverse cultural communities and groups, the EAC:

- Liaise and meet with School Council and Parkville College Principals
- Fosters a collaboration between Parkville College school leaders and staff to support the wellbeing and cultural growth of students (e.g/ feedback on curriculum, Transitions support and Professional Development).
- Attend classes to engage with students and staff for participation and feedback
- Members are invited to days of significance
- Shares information, skills and advice from their respective communities to support young people while in custody and during their transition into society and;
- Share advertised roles within the School with broader connections

Members are also integral in communicating the achievements and strategies of the school to relevant communities to reduce stigma and promote transparency around Youth Justice and Secure Care.
