

The NPCPP Year in Review 2019

“The collaboration, interaction and communication between parents, guardians, educators and partners in education in Ireland remains of vital importance in positively impacting on the education, development and general wellbeing of young people in the post-primary education system”

NPCPP President, Mai Fanning



The National Parents Council Post Primary (NPCPP), the national representative body for parents and guardians of young people in post-primary education, has been a pillar of support since its inauguration in 1985. Over the past 35 years we have continued to assist parents and guardians, ensuring that they engage effectively within their school communities and with other educational partners.

Through meaningful engagement with Government Departments and other key partners in Irish education, we have played a significant role in addressing pertinent issues and lobbying for current and future advancements. The active participation of NPCPP in these fora throughout 2019 resulted in better involvement of parents and guardians in discussions at a local, regional and national level.

Following participation during the consultative process for the Education (Student and Parent Charter) Bill, 2019, which provides for improved day-to-day experiences for young people, parents and guardians in post-primary education, NPCPP will continue to engage in the legislative process to ensure that the voices of parents and guardians are represented.

In addition, throughout 2019 NPCPP continued to play an important consultative role on both the Junior and Senior Cycle Boards and remained actively involved in the Senior Cycle review process.

As well as representation on educational matters, we maintained a vital position in substantive discussions on the health and wellbeing of young people in Ireland. In 2019 this included submissions, contributions and input into Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE); participation in discussions on the national expansion of the HPV vaccine to boys; and, inclusion in the development of a National Action Plan on drugs, alcohol and young people.

Our immersion in these issues of importance would not have been possible without the input we received from parents and guardians through our frequent national surveys. We thank you for your continued engagement and support and look forward to continuing this journey together as key partners in education in 2020 and beyond.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mai Fanning'.

Mai Fanning,
NPCPP President