



St Peter's Dads

INTRO TALK FOR ST PETERS DADS/FATHER FIGURES

**Italians Restaurant (upstairs), 165 Walter Rd, Dianella
(corner of Walter Rd and Coode St)
Wednesday February 28 2018 @ 7pm**

We would like to invite all St Peters Dads and Fathering Figures (Grandfathers, Uncles, etc) to an Intro Talk on *The Fathering Project* and the *St Peters Dads* (SPD) group. You will have the opportunity to meet other dads from St Peter's Primary School. In this friendly and informal session we want to encourage new and current parents to meet and socialise. The talk we give is a positive approach model that has engaged schools in a dad to dad, and a dad to child set of activities, run and adapted by the fathering figures in each school who get involved. The talk explains how St Peters Dads is one such group that has evolved in this way and who invite all to be part of what we do.

Come along, grab a drink and have a pizza snack on us as we open up the night to your questions and discussion on the back of our short presentation. The talk will be held in the upstairs function room of Italians Restaurant, Dianella.

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RSVP via reply email to stpetersdads@hotmail.com by Friday February 23.

Background

St Peters Dads (SPD) is a voluntary group of school father figures and supporters who organise events for school father figures and their children as well as providing social connection and tips for father figures throughout the year. St Peter's Dads has its origins in The Fathering Project www.thefatheringproject.org principles.

Our fun, social group was formed a few years ago to give dads and father figures the opportunity to engage with their kids in a range of enjoyable activities, create a network for us to get together and chat about being a 'Dad', as well as making new friends and working together to build an even stronger school community.

The Fathering Project originated in the University of Western Australia when WA Person of The Year for 2013, Professor Bruce Robinson, began The Fathering Project and established a body of knowledge around what impact dads have when present to their children, and what impact occurs when they are absent or become unavailable. The research shows that the impact a father figure has on their child is significant. Children develop better self esteem and a higher regard for themselves when they perceive they are wanted and engaged by their father figure. The resilience factor for the rite of passage risk behaviours such as drugs, sex and self harm, has been shown to exist in both boys and girls when they have access to a father figure who spends time and makes contact with them. Many adults underestimate the impact they have on their children's identity and self worth.