



Mornington Peninsula Foundation

The Mornington Peninsula is often seen as a place of prosperity. That is only part of the story.

Across the region, some communities face longstanding barriers to learning, stability and opportunity. Those conditions are not new, and they are not explained by individual circumstance alone. They sit within systems, services and patterns of disadvantage that have built over time.

MPF is a place-based philanthropic organisation working across education, wellbeing and community systems to improve the conditions in which children and young people learn, attend and stay connected. In practice, that means working alongside schools, community organisations and local leaders to help create those conditions. The work is shaped by the way learning, family life, housing pressure, service access and community conditions overlap.



Vision

A Mornington Peninsula where learning and opportunity are optimised for all children and young people.



Mission

We are a catalyst for changing systems that entrench barriers to learning and opportunity.



Approach

We listen deeply, create connections and enable community-led solutions.



Five-year strategy

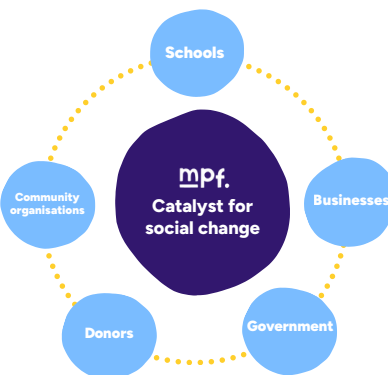
To build stronger education and wellbeing systems on the Mornington Peninsula so that more children and young people can learn, stay engaged and move into adulthood confidently and with greater independence.

How we work

Over the past several years, one thing has become clear. Lasting improvement does not come from isolated initiatives. It comes from building the conditions in which good practice can take hold and stay in place.



Catalyst for change



How it is implemented:

- Training and coaching
- Leadership - culture
- Coordination
- Facilitation
- Monitoring and Evaluation

What it links to:

- Families – engagement in school activities
- External services – connected through shared wellbeing
- External programs

What binds this together:

- Trust and shared vision
- Commitment and leadership
- High expectations for all
- A common philosophy and set of values

What we share:

- Learning and assessments
- Pedagogy, routines and curriculum resources
- Data and feedback
- Wellbeing support
- School structure and organisation

What makes it work:

- Commitment from leadership
- Shared data systems
- Clearly defined roles

Governance & leadership

Strong local work depends on sound governance.

MPF's Board and staff bring together experience across education, community, business, law, finance and philanthropy. The Foundation works across sectors and over long time horizons. The work requires strategic discipline, local knowledge and careful stewardship of donor funds.



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