



## Tip 4 – Helping your kids feel special.

As part of The Fathering Projects involvement with your school, I will be including helpful tips and ideas for all fathers and father – figures. I hope these tips will help, inspire and encourage all fathers and father – figures to be the best that they can be, as all fathers and father – figures are critically important in every child's life.

## More involved fathers and father – figures = better outcomes for children.

- Think about specific ways that your child is unique:
  - Personality, Talents, Ways they have shown kindness, Interesting things they have done,
    Paths they have chosen to take, Opportunities they have made the most of, Values that show good
    character
- Tell them how special those things are.
- Genuinely seek and value their opinions.
- Encourage their unique creativity.
- Display their artwork and other creativity.
- Don't compare any of your children to any other children.
- Create special moments or traditions e.g. special family rituals, stories, trips, meals & festivities.

The Fathering Project is not a counselling service; we are seeking to inspire and equip fathers and father - figures to engage with their children.



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