



**The McCusker
Charitable Foundation**

Tip 16 – Encouraging problem-solving skills and open-mindedness.

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.

- Develop your children's problem solving skills e.g. don't always provide answers to questions but encourage and help them to find the answers.
- Don't provide the answers yourself. Help the kids to discover the answers.
- Teach your children to question what they hear at school, on TV and read in newspapers - help them to work out what they think is right, e.g. whilst you are all watching TV or eating dinner.

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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