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#### FAMILY ZONE ANNOUNCED AS VINE GOLD SPONSOR FOR 2019

Family Zone has been announced as gold sponsor for the Victorian ICT Network in Education (VINE) for 2019.

The partnership highlights Family Zone's commitment to improving the safe use of technology in Victorian schools.

Family Zone is a cross-platform (works on any device) system which provides schools and parents with control of child device settings and usage schedules in an application (for families) or network interface (for school IT administrators).

VINE is a group of committed ICT professionals who work in educational settings across all sectors: State, Independent and Catholic.

The organisation's aim is to provide support and resources to assist ICT professionals working in educational settings to be effective at leading their organisations through the complex and ever-changing world of technology.

Family Zone's sponsorship of VINE recognises the complex landscape in which ICT managers in schools operate to support student welfare needs and concerns. It also provides a valuable exchange of ideas: communication of what schools are experiencing and what technologies and approaches exist to help mitigate these challenges.

VINE's president, Mr Robert Flavell said:

"With this sponsorship of VINE in our inaugural year, Family Zone have demonstrated the significance of the partnership that exists between schools, families and vendors in supporting young people's safe use of technology. The increasingly challenging and ever-changing online environment needs all parts of our community to be working together to achieve not only a safe, but empowering use of technology."

Jon Chivers, FamilyZone Australian Education Director said:

VINE has only been around for a short time but has already shown that it and its members are the authority on IT in education in Victoria. Family Zone is excited to be working with VINE and its members to support students, their parents and their schools in learning to use their smart devices and the Internet responsibly at school, home and everywhere in between.

For more information on VINE, or how to become a sponsor, visit [www.vine.vic.edu.au](http://www.vine.vic.edu.au)

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