

# The Path-Wise Presentation

**A discussion of ethics and beliefs for your school students.**

## **What is the Path-Wise Presentation?**

**Path-Wise** is an educational presentation designed for an assembly of Year 10 students, in which three speakers (mostly young adults) tell brief stories of their family background and how they determined their own ethics and beliefs. Presenters speak in a natural and informative way. Their stories illustrate major philosophies and faiths that are part of the rich heritage of Australian society for every student to consider.

In a 70 – 90 minute program, most time is given to lively engagement with students' questions about ethics and beliefs, rituals and relationships. Presenters demonstrate mutual respect and social cohesion across wide differences of worldview.

## **What is special about the program?**

**Path-Wise** is the flagship program of the Pathways Coalition for Diversity Education. The distinctive feature of the coalition is cooperation between faith and freethought groups. It does not privilege any one faith or philosophy.

Presenters' worldviews include Indigenous Spirituality, Abrahamic and Asian religions, the Enlightenment viewpoints expressed by Humanist, Rationalist and Atheist voices, Green Faith, and Sustainability Activism. Schools may nominate their preferred combination of three voices. Along with matters of ethics and belief, some can treat sexual orientation issues, living with disability, or the refugee experience.

## **How will the presentation help our students?**

The **Path-Wise** format is engaging for students and provides an entrée for teachers to develop conversations about diverse values, ethics and beliefs in our society.



### **Please enquire about booking a presentation.**

Presentations can be scheduled throughout 2015. PathWays will adapt to your school and may present to Year 9. To pay presenters and a small administration cost, metropolitan Melbourne schools are asked to pay \$260 (regional schools: \$350). Grant funding from the Victorian Multicultural Commission is available to subsidise the cost of a first presentation.

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Victorian Skeptics	Progressive Atheists (Vic)	Living Faiths Commission (VCC)