

## OUR TEAM

*“We believe that parents are the experts on their own children...”*

Coming from backgrounds in **Psychology** and **Family Law** respectively, Katelyn and Yvette are accredited **Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners** (FDRPs).

**Together Yvette and Katelyn have over 30 years’ experience in working with families.**

Katelyn and Yvette have both worked as Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners since 2008 and have held senior roles in a peak organisation within the mediation sector. Katelyn and Yvette’s experience in their respective fields contributes a deep understanding and capacity to support individuals through the complexities of relationship breakdown, family conflict and family challenges.

Yvette and Katelyn share a passion for forward planning in their own lives and want to share this and their combined professional knowledge with Family Compass clients.

## A new direction in Mediation and Support Services

Family Compass works cooperatively with **parents, couples, families, individuals and children**. We support clients to identify their hopes for the future, find solutions to any obstacles that may be present and plan a way forward that will help them achieve their goals.

When working with two or more people we support clients to understand each person’s needs or wishes and develop a shared direction for the future. We believe that when people are clear about their goals or a shared direction for the future, it makes decision making easier and helps to minimise conflict.

*“We are more in need of a vision or destination and a compass (a set of principles or directions) and less in need of a road map...an inner compass will always give us direction.”*

From *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen R. Covey.

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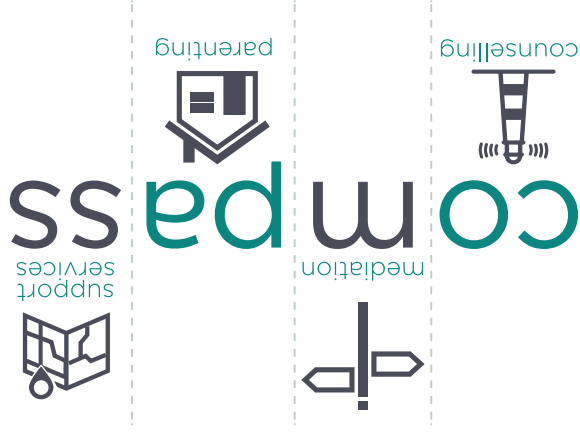
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**Family Compass assists individuals and families to manage conflict and challenge in a practical and positive way.**

## OUR SERVICES

Family Compass offers a range of services to meet the varied needs of families dealing with conflict, challenge or separation.



Dealing with separation and the variety of challenges a new family dynamic can bring including separation from children, reduced financial security, involvement with the Family Court system can be stressful. Support from a professional with specific understanding of these challenges can be invaluable.

We can also support children in building resilience and strengthening their relationships with their supportive adults.

### COUNSELLING

### MEDIATION

Our core service - impartial mediators will support families in discussing important issues and developing practical agreements that will reduce everyday conflict and confusion.

Discussing care arrangements for children following a separation or developing parenting strategies for intact families is central to this work.

### PARENTING

Parents will be supported in exploring their family situation and developing practical options to create positive change in parenting your children. Parents may find this a useful additional support if the other parent has declined to participate in mediation.

### SUPPORT SERVICES

Formal conflict resolution such as mediation or Court may not suit every situation. We can assist you to explore different options for approaching situations of conflict and support you in developing communication strategies.

## Q & A

**I heard I need a Certificate to go to Court. Can you issue Certificates?**

Yes. Our mediators are fully accredited Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners, so they can issue Certificates for you to take to Family Court.

**I want a legally binding agreement, can you help?**

We can help you develop Parenting Plans or agreements for Consent Orders, which can be made legally binding in Family Court.

**We are still together but disagree about parenting, is Family Compass for us?**

Yes we can support parents who are still together. Our aim is to support families to communicate clearly and develop strategies to support positive outcomes for all family members.

**I have concerns about my child's safety, can you help?**

We can support parents in reviewing safety and identifying options to improve child safety. We also run group seminars on Protective Behaviours for adults and children.