With a background in adolescent health and community development, Narelle Struth came into the education sector as a relative outsider in 2010. Employed by Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) as a Family Schools Partnerships Convener, Narelle spent four years working with a cluster of primary schools, learning first-hand about and what works (and what doesn’t!) in building school, community and system capacity for family school partnerships. Through this experience Narelle was privileged to work and learn alongside outstanding school, community and system leaders who have had a substantial influence over her approach and understanding of families, schools and communities. For the past three years Narelle’s role has been as Education Officer in the Student Wellbeing Unit. Narelle has direct responsibility for supporting 60 schools involved in the CEM Family School Partnerships Cluster Initiative as well as working alongside colleagues to build system-wide capacity for wellbeing and community partnerships.