

PARENT EDUCATION

POLICY

Rationale:

Successful education of children is reliant upon an effective partnership between teachers, parents and students. It is therefore essential that parents be provided with opportunities to develop their own teaching skills, to be aware of the approaches used by the school, and to have forums for questioning and clarifying teaching and parenting strategies and ideas.

Aims:

To provide programs that allow parents to be more aware of the strategies, programs and teaching approaches that their children experience at school.

To provide parents with opportunities to further their skills in matters such as teaching and parenting.

Implementation:

- Our school is an open community facility and is therefore a resource to be used widely.
- The Principal will determine a program that reflects parent interest and need.
- The parent education program will be conducted on a needs basis.
- Parents must formally reply and pre-book their attendance.
- A requirement of minimum numbers of parents attending will generally not apply.
- Topics will cover a broad spectrum and may include overviews of the curriculum, specific teaching strategies, technology skills, internet usage, parenting issues, behaviour management, head lice treatment, introductory speech therapy, swimming, first aid training, stress management, being a School Councillor, successful time management or homework strategies.
- School facilities will be made available to the parent education program, but the program may not be restricted to the school facilities only.
- The program will be conducted by a combination of teacher volunteers, paid presenters, external agencies, guest speakers and parents or members of the wider community with expertise.
- The program will be funded by a combination of School Council contribution, participant contribution, donations and volunteers.
- Each session in the program will be evaluated by participants with the coordinating staff member using the aggregated data as a guide to determining the future program.

Evaluation:

A report by the coordinating staff member to School Council annually showing aggregated attendance and feedback data will be used to evaluate the success and direction of the program.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on....

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