

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

POLICY

Rationale:

Parents are able to provide our school with significant resources, insights and expertise. We seek to greatly enhance the opportunities that we can offer our students by utilising the numerous benefits available from parent involvement in our school.

Aims:

To maximise the opportunities in which parents can be effectively involved in our school.

Implementation:

- Our school values and actively encourages parent involvement.
- Our school council will be characterised by an effective sub-committee structure, including a Community Links subcommittee focussing upon parent involvement.
- Parents will be surveyed annually as to their preferences regarding parent development and school involvement.
- Opportunities for parent and community involvement will be identified and a strategic plan developed to maximise parental involvement.
- A budget will be allocated annually to assist parental involvement.
- Opportunities for parental involvement will be advertised regularly in the school newsletter.
- Professional development opportunities will be expanded to include parents, so as to capitalise upon, and 'add value' to the support that they provide.
- Parents of non-English speaking backgrounds will be actively encouraged to be involved with the school.
- School Council will actively seek input from minority community groups, where cultural or language difficulties might otherwise inhibit their participation.
- Child minding arrangements will be explored to maximise parental involvement.
- Parents actively involved in the school will feature in our newsletter.
- Feedback will be sought from parents as their perceptions regarding parental involvement at school.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

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

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