

NETWORKS

POLICY

Rationale:

The effectiveness of any school is significantly enhanced by active participation in effective, collaborative and dynamic networks.

Aims:

- To take advantage of the many benefits associated with membership of effective networks.

Implementation:

- All schools can benefit from the expertise of other individuals, schools or organisations.
- Formal network relationships build collegiality, disseminate information, decrease workload and enhance skills.
- Our school will be an active participant in networks established as part of departmental initiatives, as well as other networks we deem beneficial.
- Our school will be represented in all appropriate local networks, and committed to their success.
- We will undertake to establish partnerships with local business, organisations and agencies that will benefit our school.
- Our school supports the hosting of network meetings.
- Expressions of interest will be sought from staff members wishing to be participants at network meetings where appropriate.
- Staff members who are required to attend network meetings outside normal school hours may be provided with time in lieu.
- Staff members are encouraged to initiate network meetings. Those choosing to do so are to provide a plan to the principal detailing the proposed network purpose, goals, focus group, time and frequency of proposed meetings, record keeping, financial plan, resources, venue etc.
- All network reports will be made available to all staff via the school's intranet.

Evaluation:

This policy is to 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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