



Community Engagement Policy

Rationale:

At Bonbeach Primary School we engage our community. We value and respect the important role the community has in the success and long-term viability of the school. Our school forms a strong and integral part of our local community. Communities are strengthened when all aspects of the community are able to work together with a common purpose.

Aims:

- To provide an opportunity for all members of the school community to participate in school activities.
- To develop our school as a focal point of the community, with opportunities for the school and community members to engage and interact.
- To ensure students have the opportunity to develop an understanding of the importance of community engagement and to understand their roles within it.
- To provide students and staff with opportunities to participate in various community based projects.

Implementation:

- We value and actively seek community input.
- Our school will strongly promote and support School Council, Parents and Friends Association, Pre-school Sub-committee and other community groups and committees.
- Our school values and actively seeks community partnerships and input. For example, sporting clubs, local sponsorships and community members on school council.
- We have an active School Council characterised by an effective Community Engagement sub-committee.
- Opportunities for parent and community involvement are encouraged and advertised in the school newsletter, Flexibuzz and on our official school Facebook page.
- Learning and development opportunities are provided for parents.
- Appropriate not-for-profit community groups are encouraged to use the school buildings and resources to facilitate their programs.
- The school newsletter and our official school Facebook page will publish articles of community interest free of charge, and will be a medium for advertising events conducted by community groups.
- Potential partnerships will be explored with local government, industry and community service groups with the view to maximising opportunities for students to learn and to actively participate within the wider school community.
- Sponsorships and grants that comply with Departmental and school policies will be actively encouraged.

The Community Engagement Sub-Committee will:

- facilitate the integration of the school into the broader community, with a particular focus on the families of students to develop a sense of 'whole school' that extends beyond students and teachers to the community at large;
- develop strategies, plans and activities to support students and families across the school and pre-school;
- coordinate timing of activities across the school, Pre-school and Parents and Friends; and
- the sub-committee will develop communication avenues to engage with the broader community while also promoting the school.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed in consultation with the whole school community as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Approval:

This policy was approved by the School Council on 28th October 2017.