

Parent Engagement Policy

Preamble/Rationale

The prime objective of All Saints School is the education of students.

Parents, caregivers and staff all play an important role in helping to create a positive learning culture.

For students to prosper, they require commitment from staff and parents/caregivers, working together. Students will view these demonstrated behaviours as a guide on how to respect and treat each other.

“Catholic Schools commit to nurturing active partnerships with families and providing parents and caregivers with opportunities to participate in the life of the school community. The student’s learning journey is enriched through positive and reciprocal relationships”.

(Family/ School Partnership Policy. Catholic Education Council July 2012).

Teachers and staff are professionals with the student’s best interest at heart. They want to partner with parents/caregivers to succeed.

This policy’s intention is to encourage positive communication throughout our school community.

Values

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- ✓ School Community
 - ✓ Mutual Respect
 - ✓ Shared Goals
 - ✓ Trust
 - ✓ Understanding
 - ✓ Forgiveness

Policy Statement

All Saints School Community members shall:

- Prioritise the best interests and education of students
- Show respect when communicating with one another (including via social media) and listen to ensure everyone is valued and heard
- Acknowledge the shared role of staff and parents/caregivers in creating a positive learning culture
- Lead by example and encourage the school community to live by the motto ‘WALK IN LOVE’
- Encourage all members to become more involved in school activities & events

Policy Implementation

A copy of this policy will be given to parents/caregivers at the annual Parent Induction nights.

The school also welcomes feedback and suggestions on ways to continuously improve its processes. This feedback is obtained through regular surveys and discussion at assorted parent meetings.

Below is a list of committees, events and activities where parents/caregivers can volunteer and make a significant contribution towards the students.

✓ Classroom support ✓ (e.g. support a reader)	✓ Surveys and regular updates via parent portal and newsletter
✓ Class liaisons	✓ Parents and Friends Committee (P&F) and various subcommittees (below)
✓ Library	➤ Welcoming
✓ Sport days and events	➤ Social
✓ Music festivals	➤ Expressive arts
✓ Albany Fair	➤ Second hand uniforms
✓ Tuckshop	➤ Mother and father day stalls
✓ Parent information nights	➤ Working bees
✓ Sustainability Committee	➤ School banking
✓ Excursions and School camps	➤ Book club
✓ School Board	➤ Entertainment book

Issue resolution

A parent/caregiver's first point of contact for addressing a student issue, shall be their classroom teacher. A member of the school leadership team will become involved for more serious matters. If an issue cannot be resolved and requires additional support, Brisbane Catholic Education's '*Student parent and guardian complaint management procedure*' can be utilised.

Parent engagement at All Saints is a shared responsibility in which All Saints reaches out to engage parents in respectful and meaningful way. Through this, All Saints and parents are committed to actively supporting the children's learning and development in a positive and supportive environment.

WALK IN LOVE