

# PARENT/CARER ENGAGEMENT POLICY

## Rationale:

- Parents/carers 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/carer involvement in our school.

## Aims:

- To provide opportunities for parents/carers to be involved in our school/

## Implementation:

Our school will actively value and encourage parents/carers to be involved in our school

- Our School Council will be characterised by an effective subcommittee structure: Grounds committee, Finance committee and Parent Group committee.
- Opportunities will be provided for parent/carer and community involvement. These opportunities will be identified yearly in order to maximise parent involvement, and will include assistance such as: classroom help, camps, Friday lunches, working bees, excursions, sports days etc.
- Opportunities for parent/carer involvement and feedback will be advertised in the school newsletter or by personal contact.
- Training opportunities will be offered to parents/carers where appropriate, so as to capitalise upon 'add value' to the support they provide.
- All parents/carers who volunteer to assist with students in any school activities will be appropriately inducted in regard to appropriate protocols with the school setting, and will be required to provide the school with a copy of a current Volunteers Working with Children Check.
- New families to the school will be provided with information on ways they can become involved in the school.
- Parents/carers who are actively involved in the school will be acknowledged.
- Staff will formally recognise the contributions of parents/carers in our school by means of an annual morning tea, or similar event.
- Feedback from parents/carers as to their perceptions regarding involvement at the school will be encouraged.
- A random selection of parents will be surveyed annually through the DEECD *Parent Opinion Survey*.

## Evaluation:

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

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

**August 2013**