

FAMILY PARTICIPATION

POLICY

Ripponlea Primary School is committed to:

- promoting and providing opportunities for family involvement in aspects of school life;
- fostering collaborative relationships between families and school staff.

PURPOSE

This policy recognises that families have the first and most significant influence on their children's learning, development, health, safety and wellbeing and that the family's time, energy and expertise can support learning and school programs through voluntary participation.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. The school staff and School Council are responsible for:
 - a. Ensuring a range of communication strategies are in place to enable and encourage family participation and involvement in school activities and programs.
 - b. Providing and promoting opportunities for involvement in:
 - i. School Council (elected positions);
 - ii. school committees, for example 'Ripper Families';
 - iii. fund raising;
 - iv. the maintenance of school grounds and facilities.
 - c. Ensuring opportunities are provided for communication between families and school staff such as:
 - i. parent education and information sessions;
 - ii. parent/teacher conferences;
 - iii. informal discussions, surveys, noticeboard displays, social events, and newsletters.
 - d. Offering a variety of opportunities for families to participate directly in educational programs, including classroom activities, excursions, sporting and cultural events and volunteering special skills to share with the school community.
 - e. Ensuring the school's *Visitors to The School* and *Working with Children Check* policies are complied with at all times.
2. Families are responsible for:
 - a. Remaining informed with information provided by the school and School Council, including policies, newsletters, emails, educators' notices, app notifications and noticeboard displays.
 - b. Participating where possible in school activities and programs, for example classroom support, parent teacher conferences, working bees, social events, fundraising activities, education and information sessions, surveys, etc.
 - c. Considering active roles with the School Council and/or Committees, Ripper Families and related school services (school canteen, uniform shop, etc).
 - d. Adhering to the school's *Visitors to School* and *Working with Children Check* policies at all times.

RELATED POLICIES

- Visitors
- Volunteers

- Camps & Excursions
- Working with Children Check

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