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PARENT PARTICIPATION POLICY

1. VISION

This Policy is about Parents and the school. Students learn best when school programs offer some understanding of their background. Therefore a strong partnership between parents and the school becomes all the more important when the complex and rapidly changing nature of our society is considered.

1.1 We use the term "parent" to refer to people (i.e. caregivers / guardians) who have the responsibility for the care of students attending the school.

2. ACTIONS

Parents have a unique knowledge and understanding of their own children, being their first and most influential educators.

- 2.1 Parents have the right, through their responsibility to and for their children, to be informed about their own child's learning and to participate in reaching decisions which affect them only.
- 2.2 Parents have talents, interests, energies and skills which enrich the life and program of the school.
- 2.3 The Principal is responsible for:
 - 2.3.1 Consulting with parents.
 - 2.3.2 Fostering the interest, knowledge and skills of parents.
 - 2.3.3 Ensuring that information is made available to parents.
 - 2.3.4 Identifying staff and or others within the school community to be responsible for increasing parent involvement and participation.
 - 2.3.5 Monitor and evaluate parent participation practices and procedures.
- 2.4 Teachers are responsible for working with parents to:
 - 2.4.1 Help parents feel welcome in the classroom.
 - 2.4.2 Building good relationships with parents and students.
 - 2.4.3 Ensuring that parents have all the relevant information about their children's education.
 - 2.4.4 Seek the views of all parents, where appropriate on matters relating to their child's education.





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- 2.4.5 Promote the idea of parents' participation among students.
- 2.4.6 Create a welcoming environment for all members of the school community.
- 2.5 Parents have a responsibility to:
 - 2.5.1 Cooperate with school staff, other parents and students in the interests of their child's education.
 - 2.5.2 Show an active interest in their child's schooling.
 - 2.5.3 Express their opinion in relation to school matters.
 - 2.5.4 Support the implementation of school policies.
 - 2.5.5 Assist the school in establishing a set of shared values and expectations.
- 2.6 At Adelaide East Education Centre, parent participation is fostered and actively encouraged. Parents are at all times welcomed to make an appointment and speak to teachers or the principal. Visits to your child's classroom must be arranged prior to your visit so we can ensure the minimum disruption to the school program.
- 2.7 If parents would like to volunteer at the school, they will need to make arrangements with the staff concerned in advance, but their contribution to the learning environment is always welcome. Parents can check the guidelines in the school's Volunteer Policy.

3. REVIEW

- 3.1 Issues about Parent Participation can be brought up at School Council meetings and staff meetings.
- 3.2 Consultation will occur with staff, parents and carers to improve quality of communication and practice between all groups.
- 3.3 If appropriate, and by consensus, Parent participation guidelines will be revised.

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