

1.0 PURPOSE OF POLICY

- 1.1 To strengthen the partnership between the school and the local community.
- 1.2 To encourage two way communication and interaction between the school and the local community.

2.0 PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 The school should use appropriate protocol when interacting with the local community.
- 2.2 The school should seek advice, support and feedback for educational and other programs.
- 2.3 The school should access local and wider resources in order to extend students' educational experiences and opportunities.
- 2.4 The school and local community should be given the opportunity to gain input through participation in TSPA, School Council, additional committees and meetings about curriculum issues.
- 2.5 The school should encourage appropriate sharing and using community and school facilities.
- 2.6 The school should be actively involved in issues which affect the community.
- 2.7 Where the School is involved in ongoing partnerships with other service providers a Memorandum of Understanding will be developed

3.0 HOW THIS POLICY WILL BE PUT INTO PRACTICE

- 3.1 The rights of community members will be respected and confidentiality will be maintained.
- 3.2 Support and consideration will be extended to local businesses, school sponsors and community support programs.
- 3.3 Demands placed on personnel and other resources will be taken into consideration.
- 3.4 The school will provide a welcoming environment.
- 3.5 The school and local community will be informed of school activities and achievements through:
 - School Council meetings, minutes and reports;
 - weekly newsletters and other school notices;
 - distribution of The Annual Report (e.g. Awards Night) and publications;
 - utilising media outlets - newspapers, radio and television;
 - information sessions, transition programs (e.g. K-P, 6-7), program, handbooks;
 - web page and blogs
 - Celebration weeks (e.g. Education Weeks)
 - Daisy electronic Diaries
- 3.6 The school will encourage our community to:
 - support programs and policies;
 - involve themselves in and give support to Council, administration and teacher decisions;
 - assist the School financially through fees, levies, fundraising and sponsorship;
 - maintain ongoing communication with the school by:

- seeking regular feedback on student progress
 - participating in information sessions and parent-teacher interviews.
 - involve itself with parent training, voluntary helper scheme and parent/guardian support where appropriate to the activity and to the age level of the students;
 - promote a positive image of the staff and the school;
 - facilities will be made available for community use whenever feasible.
- 3.7 The school will endeavour to be actively involved in issues that affect the community through:
- Sending representatives to attend discussions and forums,
 - Submitting applications,
 - Lobbying appropriate individuals and agencies,
 - Keeping the school community informed of issues and developments.