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:

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Community Involvement

- 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.