PARENT PARTNERSHIP POLICY

Rationale

St. Mary’s believes that family involvement and positive relationships between the school and families are essential to the success of our school and student engagement. We believe that parents have a special place in the community. Children learn from both parents and teachers, but it is parents who have the long term responsibility for their child’s welfare. Children benefit if parents and teachers are able to work in partnership, and if they see their parents involved in the life of the school.

Values and Beliefs

At St Mary’s we believe that:

● Parents, teachers and children should strive to live Gospel values such as integrity, trust and respect for each other.
● Parents and teachers work together for the educational benefit of each child
● All parents should be encouraged to be active members of the school community
● Parents, teachers and children work together to form a caring community in which everyone feels welcomed and included
● Successful school partnerships depend on open and honest communication; everyone in our school community has a voice and will be listened to with respect

Implementation

Some of the ways to be involved include:

● Participation at school and class masses, sacramental preparation and celebrations
● Classroom helpers e.g. literacy and numeracy assistance, guest speakers, excursions
● Working Bee, Tuck Shop, P & F, School Board, Special curriculum days, social events
● Attend Curriculum evenings, Parents & Teachers interviews
● Complete questionnaires and surveys to inform school practice
● Making suggestions and sharing ideas with parent representative groups
● Supporting learning at home e.g. homework and home reading
Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed in 2018 in line with the School Improvement Plan.