

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

NARANGA SCHOOL POLICY

Rationale:

- Positive community partnerships greatly enhance the ability of schools to provide for the needs of students, and contribute significantly to the potential for parents and community groups to impact positively on the lives of young people.

Aims:

- To develop our school as a focal point of the community, with opportunities for both the school and community members to gain from mutually beneficial arrangements.

Implementation:

- Our school values and actively seeks community partnerships and input.
- We will have an active School Council.
- We seek open communication, with broad community consultation.
- We will develop community-based policies to maximise input and understanding.
- A Parents and Friends Association will continue to be supported by the school.
- Opportunities for parent and community involvement will be identified with the aim of maximising parental involvement.
- Opportunities for parental involvement will be advertised in the school newsletter.
- At times professional development opportunities will be expanded to include parents, so as to capitalise upon, and 'add value' to the support that they provide.
- Curriculum activities can be enhanced by community participation, or by school excursions to involve 'first hand' experiences.
- Potential partnerships will be explored with local government, industry and community service groups with the view to maximising opportunities for students to learn from, and to be active participants within, the wider school community.
- Sponsorships that comply with the school's policies will be encouraged.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed annually as part of the school's review cycle, in consultation with all members of the wider school community.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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