



Parent and Carer Participation in School Curriculum Programs Policy

Rationale:

Our school highly values parents' and carers' participation in supporting student learning. We are most conscious that parents' and carers' involvement enhances social and educational outcomes for students, as well as broadening our own resource base and socio-cultural diversity. We believe that their involvement promotes partnership between school and home, supports student learning, develops positive communication between teachers and parents and provides opportunities for students to work with other adults. It additionally enables the school to utilise parents' special interests and expertise and provides additional opportunities for students to work in small group or one-to-one configurations.

Aims:

This policy outlines the implicit contract between parents/carers and the School, and details some of their two-way responsibilities, etiquette, boundaries and protocols.

Guidelines & Implementation:

Teachers

- Are responsible for all aspects of the classroom program, student supervision and discipline
- Will oversee groups working with parents.
- Brief the students regarding their expectations of behaviour when the parent/carer is assisting.
- Where possible, give specific guidelines for the expectations of the activity, making sure that the tasks are achievable in the time allocated, and that groups/students are rotated as appropriate.
- Inform parents about the management of group activities, codes of conduct and, where relevant, the varying capabilities of students.

Principal and senior staff

- Establish a school environment that welcomes and encourages all parents and carers to participate in school activities and volunteer their services in a variety of ways
- Are responsible for curriculum design and implementation
- At his or her discretion, the staff of Kew Primary School invite parents and carers to assist with teaching and learning

Parents/carers

- Become valued partners with the class teacher in the learning process
- Are expected to maintain high levels of discretion about students' learning, behaviours, social groupings and other information that could rightly be considered private. If in the course of their participation they become party to confidential information, they must agree not to divulge the information to any other person

- Will wear a visitor's badge, and comply with all relevant policies, procedures, guidelines and Principal's directives pertaining to visitors of the school. Parents and carers must have a Working with Children check. Please refer to the Visitors Policy
- Should inform the school if they are unable to meet their commitment to the program, and teachers should notify parents when the program has to be cancelled
- Where applicable, parents and carers are required to complete the adequate training online or in house and complete and return required agreements. This will be outlined by the school or the Department of Education

This policy was ratified by School Council 2018

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle in 2021.