

# Community Engagement Policy

## RATIONALE

At Kingswood Primary School we engage our community. Kingswood values and respects the important and responsible role the community has in the success and long-term viability of the school. Our school forms a strong and integral part of our local community. Communities are strengthened when all aspects of the community are able to work coherently together with a common purpose.

## AIM

- To develop our school as a focal point of the community, with opportunities for the school and community members to gain and grow.
- To ensure students have the opportunity to develop an understanding of the importance of community engagement and to understand their roles within it.
- To provide students and staff with opportunities to participate in various community based projects.

## IMPLEMENTATION

- Our school values and actively seeks community partnerships and input. For example, Kindergarten AGM meetings, sporting clubs, local sponsorships, community members on school council.
- We have an active School Council characterised by an effective Strategic Development and Engagement sub-committee.
- Opportunities for parent and community involvement are encouraged and a strategic plan has been developed to maximise parental involvement.
- Opportunities for parental involvement are advertised on the school portal Compass.
- Professional development opportunities are provided for parents.
- Appropriate not-for-profit community groups are encouraged to use the school buildings and resources to facilitate their programs.
- The school newsletter will regularly publish articles of community interest free of charge and will be a medium for advertising events conducted by community groups.
- Potential partnerships will be explored with local government, industry and community service groups with the view to maximising opportunities for students to learn and to actively participate within the wider school community.
- Sponsorships and grants that comply with Departmental and school policies will be actively encouraged.

## REFERENCES

[Sponsorship - Department of Education and Training](#)  
[DET Community Partnerships](#)

## EVALUATION

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

## Review

Version	Edited By / Comments	Next Review
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