

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Purpose

The following policy aims to ensure that parents are welcomed, respected and valued by the school community as partners in their children's learning and development. Active engagement and participation of parents is promoted in the social and educational life of the College. Opportunities exist for parents to be involved enabling the sharing of a broad range of skills, expertise and services that will enrich the College community. Parents are engaged through ongoing communication and dialogue with the College to support a positive learning environment at home and at school.

Scope

This policy applies to all parents of the College community.

Definitions

For this policy, the term parent includes guardians and carers.

Policy Statement

It is Damascus College policy to:

- commit to engaging parents in a variety of opportunities where they will contribute to the growth of students, the College and the broader community;
- build connections and help facilitate partnerships between the school and home for the purpose of improved student learning and wellbeing;
- work towards developing a structured approach which supports parental engagement; and
- supports parents with the information and tools necessary to participate in school life.

Consequences

Damascus College will:

- ensure a school-wide approach to communicate with parents about school policies, programs, activities and reporting on students that is frequent, clear and multifaceted;
- acknowledge that all parents have positive strengths, diverse family backgrounds and cultures that contribute to their children's learning; and
- create and promote diverse opportunities for parental engagement in College life.

Responsibilities

The Principal and the Leadership Team have overall authority for the implementation of this policy.

Associated Documents

Volunteer Engagement Policy
CECV Guidelines on the Engagement of Volunteers in Catholic Schools
Child Protection Policy
Fundraising Policy