



## 3.10 PARENT PARTICIPATION

### POLICY

Beumaris North Primary School encourages the active involvement of parents and carers in the functioning of the school and seeks engagement with the wider community.

### PURPOSE

The aim of this policy is to:

- Enhance the environment, strength and success of the school through the voluntary contribution of parents and carers.
- Encourage parents and carers to engage with the learning environment.
- Recognise that all parents have knowledge, skills and resources that support their children's learning in school and parents have a strong complementary role to play in their children's learning and behaviour.
- Promote parent/carer participation in a diversity of roles to support children's education.

### IMPLEMENTATION

1. Parents and carers may stand for election to the School Council and/or participate in sub-committees.
2. All parents and carers are encouraged to participate in the development of school policies, the raising and allocation of funds and providing assistance with many school activities and programs. Many programs can only run with the participation, assistance and support of parents and carers.
3. Numerous opportunities are afforded parents and carers to be involved in the school community outside of the classroom, including Uniform Shop, Canteen, Fete, Parents' Club, Fathers' Activities Club and Working Bees.
4. Throughout the school year parents and carers are given the opportunity to participate in classroom-based activities and programs such as independent reading, literacy and modelled reading.
5. The Parents' Club and Fathers' Activities Club work actively for the benefit of the students of the school. Membership of these clubs offers friendship and social involvement for all parents and carers. The fund-raising and voluntary work provides specific school facilities, equipment and services.
6. Parents and carers are encouraged to communicate their specific areas of expertise to the school for inclusion on a skills register.

7. Throughout the school year parents and carers are given the opportunity to participate in parent education programs, information sessions, classroom skills training, parent/teacher conferences and decision-making through surveys and responses to newsletter articles.
8. Parents and carers are encouraged to place suggestions on further engaging with the school community in the suggestions box located in the school foyer.

*Ratified by School Council May 2016*

*Next Review Date 2019*