

Seaholme Primary School

Parent and Community Involvement Policy

BASIC BELIEFS

Parents and community members provide Seaholme Primary School with significant resources, insights and expertise. We seek to enhance the opportunities that we can offer our students and strengthen the links between all members of our school community.

GUIDELINES

- Parent and Community Involvement in school programs:
 - enhances the educational programs provided
 - builds the partnerships between school and home
 - provides opportunities for parents to develop their skills and become active participants in their children's education.
- Seaholme Primary school appreciates the parents and carers who assist positively with the implementation of the school's programs.
- Parent and community members must comply with the school's expectations and practices.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Seaholme Primary School will encourage the assistance of parent and community members in a wide variety of areas.
- Invitations for parents and carers to assist in the school's programs will be regularly made via the school's newsletter, or through personal contact.
- Parent and community helpers for short-term projects such as helping with reading, assistance with fete activities, working bees etc will all be briefed by the teacher in charge as to their roles and responsibilities etc prior to commencement. At the same time matters of supervision and safety will also be discussed.
- Parent and community helpers for longer term activities or activities with higher levels of required expertise such as literacy rotations or school camps and excursions will be required to undertake appropriate training and to have a current Working With Children Card.
- The school will conduct formal programs such as 'Classroom Helpers' to skill and recruit helpers when required.
- Parent and community helpers, other than those who attend to listen to reading in the first 30 minutes of the day, will be required to sign into the school and wear a visitor badge.
- Concerns relating to helpers should be addressed to the principal. Helpers who are not reliable or do not meet the schools expectations will be required to relinquish their role.
- Parent and community members will exercise respect for all members of the school community.
- Parents and community members will approach school staff or the principal to address matters relating to the children other than their own.
- Parents and community members attend Seaholme Primary School as visitors and guests and should behave in such a manner. It is their responsibility to act appropriately and always display behaviour that is expected of good citizens.
- Due confidentiality will be exercised with regard to, the people involved, and school programs that helpers are assisting with.
- A *Thank You* morning tea will be provided annually by school council in recognition of the contributions of all parent and community helpers and volunteers.

EVALUATION

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

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