



## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION POLICY

1. **RATIONALE:**
  - 1.1. Our school is committed to meeting the needs of the local community. In doing so, we will communicate openly, and transparently with the community, seeking community input into school direction, priorities, and decision making.
2. **AIMS:**
  - 2.1. To provide for the needs of the community by ensuring that the community is adequately consulted on all appropriate occasions.
3. **IMPLEMENTATION:**
  - 3.1. We value community input.
  - 3.2. Community consultation provides alternative views, broadens perspectives, and enhances the school's ability to cater for the needs of all of its students.
  - 3.3. Our school will strongly promote and support School Council and Parents and Friends Association.
  - 3.4. The community will be consulted on all appropriate topics, using processes that are timely, transparent and that maximise input.
  - 3.5. Consultation will focus on the community groups most affected by the potential outcome.
  - 3.6. Consultation will be inclusive and non-discriminatory.
  - 3.7. Consultation tools may include surveys, questionnaires, meetings or open forums.
  - 3.8. Information gleaned from community consultations will be openly distributed.
  - 3.9. School Council will actively seek input from minority community groups, where cultural or language difficulties might otherwise inhibit their participation.
  - 3.10. All decisions made after community consultation will be openly communicated, as will the reasoning supporting such decisions.
  - 3.11. Grievance resolution procedures will be developed, promoted and implemented.
4. **EVALUATION:**
  - 4.1. This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year cycle.