



PARENT PARTNERSHIP GUIDELINES

1. MISSION AND VALUES

St. Philomena's School is committed to high-quality Catholic education in a loving family environment.

Working in partnership with family, parish and community to achieve high levels of learning for all children, our school:

- ***Proclaims** Jesus and lives the Gospel Values
- ***Fosters** the spiritual, academic, emotional, physical and social development of each student.
- ***Implements** a Contemporary Curriculum.
- ***Encourages** children to develop authentic ownership of their learning.

"Live Justly, Lovingly and Faithfully in Christ"

Rationale:

Working Together: A Code of Cooperation for the School Community

At St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School we acknowledge that education is a close partnership between teachers and families. The values that underpin our work together as teachers, parents and students include:

- Fairness
- Respect
- Integrity
- Responsibility

By demonstrating these values in our work together, we proactively foster the Catholic ethos of our school.

Together, we demonstrate these values in our daily work by:

- Being, honest, trustworthy and accountable
- Ensuring our procedures are fair for all members of the school community
- Being courteous and responding respectfully when dealing with others
- Maintaining professional relationships with each other as stakeholders in our students' education
- Working collaboratively in order to achieve common goals
- Developing a safe and supportive environment that is free from aggression, prejudice, injustice and dishonesty
- Avoiding discrimination on the grounds of gender, race, religion and culture
- Avoiding behaviour that is, or might reasonably be perceived as being harassment, bullying or intimidation.



Schools are places where many groups come together, and these groups will not always agree. We have procedures in place so that everyone is treated with equality, and given the opportunity to have problems addressed. If you have a problem with something happening at the school, you are invited to make an appointment to discuss it. Gossiping, speaking half-truths, and giving personal interpretations, is not the answer. Please meet with those that can work with you to bring resolution.

All parents are asked to adhere to the following protocols:

1. No parent can approach or speak to a student on the playground or school grounds, regarding any issues or problems.
2. If a problem exists at school, please make an appointment to meet with the Principal.
3. Parents are not to use offensive language in the playground or school area, at any school function or event.
4. Gossiping, spreading stories, derogatory comments or sharing negative opinions about students, other parents or staff members is not appropriate.

If we are truly '*living justly, lovingly and faithfully in Christ*' here at St. Philomena's, we choose our words and actions based on the Gospel values.

Related Policies & Procedures:

Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Policy

Guidelines for the Management of Complaints

Communication Guidelines

Child Protection Policy

