



COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION WITH PARENTS AND COMMUNITY POLICY

Rationale:

Communication and consultation with our school community is a critical element of our operation. It ensures that parents, caregivers and the wider community are kept informed about the school's progress and function while also being able to influence directly school policies and direction. Parents' acceptance of the school and its policies will ensure better learning outcomes for our students.

Purposes:

1. To communicate with parents and caregivers about students' learning, engagement, progress and achievement.
2. To communicate with parents and caregivers on the strategic direction, policies, events and activities of the wider school.
3. To engage in robust and meaningful communication to build a partnership with parents and caregivers in the local community.
4. To develop Information and Communication Technologies to enhance interactive communication with parents, families and whānau.

Guidelines:

1. Student progress and development is reported through the school report system, Individual Development Plans, Parent Teacher Interviews, Dean, Whānau leader and other interviews requested with the school.
2. School practice is to encourage individual contact between parents/caregivers and school in matters relating to their children or to areas of concern.
3. The school will communicate on a regular basis by newsletter, school website and other appropriate media on the day-to-day function of the school.
4. Formal consultation opportunities will take place on a regular basis. The Parent Teacher Association, Komiti Māori, Student Voice groups, including Student Council, E TŪ Committee, Prefects and Te Kotahitanga group will be key conduits to the Senior Leadership Team and the Board.
5. Staff are expected to contribute to the development of the school through Committees, Professional Learning Groups and Staff Meetings. Effective communication with staff is essential to building our learning community.

Conclusion:

It is important that parents and caregivers contribute to the culture of the school and that the school accepts that open and frank communication and consultation must be maintained at the highest possible level.

Approval:

When the Board approved this Policy it agreed that no variations of this Policy or amendments to it could be made, except with the majority approval of the Board.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 24 March, 2014.
Signed on behalf of, and with the authority of the Board

_____ on _____ (Date)
Board Chairperson
Due for Review: March, 2017

Reviewed Date: _____ Signed for B.O.T. _____