Rationale:

Parents are able to provide our school with significant resources, insights and expertise. Their involvement in school activities has a positive impact on student learning. We seek to enhance the opportunities that we can offer our students by utilising the numerous benefits available from parent involvement in our school.

Aims:

To provide opportunities for parents to be effectively involved in our school.
To capitalise on the resources, insights and expertise our parent community can offer.

Implementation:

Our school will actively value and encourage parents to be involved in the following ways:

- Our school council will be characterised by an effective subcommittee structure as required each year, such as: finance, education, buildings and grounds and special events subcommittees.
- Opportunities will be provided for parent and community involvement. These opportunities will be identified yearly in order to maximize parental involvement, and will include assistance such as: classroom help, camps, canteen, working bees, etc.
- Opportunities for parental involvement and feedback will be advertised in the school newsletter, through notices, on the school website or by personal contact.
- Training opportunities will be offered to parents where appropriate, so as to capitalise upon, and ‘add value’ to the support that they provide.
- All parents who volunteer to assist with students in any school activities will be appropriately informed in regard to appropriate protocols within the school setting, and will be required to provide the school with a copy of a current Volunteers Working with Children check.
- New families to the school will be provided with information on ways they can become involved in the school.
- Parents who are actively involved in the school will be acknowledged.
- Staff will formally recognise the contributions of parents in our school by means of an annual morning tea, or similar event.
- Feedback from parents as to their perceptions regarding parental involvement at the school will be encouraged.
- A random selection of parents will be surveyed annually through the DET Parent Opinion Survey.

Evaluation:
This policy will be reviewed as part of the three year cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in... June 2017

References: [www.parentsvictoria.asn.au](http://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au)