



St John Vianney's
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent Participation Policy

Introduction

In keeping with the St John Vianney's School Mission Statement, the school community recognises the importance of, and values, parent participation in the life of the school.

Rationale

The St John Vianney's School Parent Participation Policy aims to

- acknowledge parents/carers as the primary educators of their children.
- acknowledge the importance of parent participation in all areas of education.
- identify the various areas and levels in which parents/carers can support the school staff in the education process, both inside and outside the classroom and provide opportunities for this to take place.
- acknowledge that parents/carers and educators have distinctly different roles which can be mutually supportive to benefit the education of the children at St John Vianney's School.

Policy

St John Vianney's School will provide opportunities for parents/carers to participate in a diverse variety of activities that have been identified by the school community, both within and outside the classroom. They will be encouraged to participate at a level that they feel comfortable with.

Consequences

- Parents are invited to participate in any of the ways identified in the attached list, which is not exhaustive.
- It is the responsibility of teachers to provide clear guidance to parents/carers in any activity that they are involved in.
- In line with Student Protection requirements parents and other volunteers are required to participate in a training workshop as outlined in the Volunteers (Student Protection) Policy.
- Parents are encouraged to discuss their role with the classroom teachers so that there is a clear understanding of what is expected.
- For areas of participation outside the classroom, parents/carers are encouraged to clarify expectations with the facilitator of the project.

Areas of the school where parents may like to participate:

Attendance at: Class liturgies and School sponsored masses
Attendance at School Assemblies
Assistance with the Sacramental program
Community celebrations/activities e.g Outreach mission initiatives, ANZAC day
General reading and classroom support
Computer and technology support eg school website
Newsletter preparation
Excursion support
Support in the Arts e.g Music and Drama
Sporting events, including athletics and swimming carnivals and Inter school sports
Seasons for Growth
Class Coordinators
Trivia nights
Parent social activities
P&F organised events, eg Mothers and Fathers Day stalls
Sausage Sizzle
Welcome BBQ
School Discos
Welcoming committee – eg Open Day hospitality
Multi-cultural diversity and awareness
Attendance at P&F meetings
Membership on P&F Executive committee
Membership on sub-committees :
 Safety House
 Book Club
 School Banking
 Casserole register
 Lost property
 Grants
 Media
 Social Events
School/Parish Fundraising committees
Attendance at Working bees
Membership on the School Board
Tuckshop volunteer
Uniform shop volunteer
Support in the Library(Book covering etc)