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)