

Flemington Primary School

POLICY FOLDER



ADMINISTRATION – Community Consultation

Rationale:

Flemington Primary School acknowledges its responsibility in consulting with the local community. In doing so, we will communicate openly and transparently with the community, seeking community input into school direction, priorities and decisions.

Aims:

To ensure that the wider school community is adequately consulted on all appropriate occasions.

Implementation:

- Our school will promote and support School Council, Parents Association and other community groups
- Members of the wider school community will be consulted on all appropriate topics, using processes that are timely, transparent and that maximise input.
- Consultation will focus on the community groups most affected by the issue.
- Consultation will be inclusive and non-discriminatory.
- Generally the community will be consulted on policymaking, school direction and planning, the formation of goals and priorities and the processes such as the reporting of student progress
- Consultation does not mean decision-making will be simply based on popularity or weight of numbers.
- Consultation tools may include surveys, questionnaires, meetings or open forums.
- Information gleaned from community consultations will be openly distributed.
- School Council will actively seek input from minority community groups, where cultural or language difficulties might otherwise inhibit their participation.
- All decisions made after community consultation will be openly communicated, as will the reasoning supporting such decisions.
- During the development of the School Strategic Plan and in reviewing the previous plan, members of the community will be widely consulted on all aspects.
- All Policy development will include community consultation.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed in consultation with the whole school community as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Supporting Documentation

Communications Brochure

Freedom of Information Policy

Newsletter Policy

Parent Information Handbook

School website – www.flemingtonps.vic.edu.au

References:

DEECD School Communications Toolkit -

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/schooloperations/commstoolkit.htm>

Victorian Government Schools Reference Guide -

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/referenceguide/management/6_23.htm

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Review Date: 2011