

CONSULTATION WITH THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

PURPOSE

Murrumbeena Primary School believes that consultation with the school community provides alternative views, broadens perspectives and enhances the school's ability to cater for the needs of all of its students. We acknowledge the importance of communicating openly and transparently with the community, and value community input.

DEFINITION

The school community consists of parents, students, staff, volunteers and school councillors.

AIMS

To ensure that the community is adequately consulted on matters involving school directions, goals and priorities to best meet the needs of our students.

GUIDELINES

- School Council and their sub-committees actively seek input from the broader school community.
- The community will be consulted on all appropriate topics, using processes that are timely, transparent and that maximise input.
- Consultation will be inclusive and non-discriminatory.
- The community will be consulted on policy making, school direction and planning, the formation of goals and priorities.
- Consultation tools may include surveys, questionnaires, meetings or open forums
- Information gathered from community consultations will be distributed where relevant.
- All decisions made after community consultation will be openly communicated, as will the reasoning supporting such decisions.
- There are many operational decisions, such as individual teacher's roles, which would be inappropriate for community consultation.
- The community will be informed that consultation does not mean decision-making nor does it mean that decision-making will simply be based on popularity of ideas or weight of numbers.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle.