



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, ALTONA

PARENT ENGAGEMENT POLICY

St. Mary's School acknowledges the right of every parent to be a part of the education process of their children.

St. Mary's School maintains a 'culture of child safety' by actively implementing strategies in accordance with its moral & legal obligations and Victorian Government Ministerial Order 870.

Parents of St. Mary's School are welcomed, respected and valued by the community as partners in their children's learning and development. Active engagement and participation of parents is promoted in the social and educational life of the School. Opportunities exist for parents to be involved enabling the sharing of a broad range of skills, expertise and services that will enrich the School community. Parents are engaged through ongoing communication and dialogue with the School to support a positive learning environment at home and at school.

Definition

For this policy, the term parent includes guardians and carers.

Parents can be involved in the life of the school through:

- The School Education Board
- The Parents and Friends Association
- Tuckshop duty
- Sacramental preparation
- Parents and Friends activities
- Fundraising activities
- Attending Parent Information Sessions
- Attending Annual General Meetings
- Attending School masses
- Assisting in classrooms
- Assisting in the Library
- Assisting in sporting events
- Attending Special School Events
- Assisting on Excursions/Incursions
- Attending School and Prayer Assemblies

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed as part of the St. Mary's review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by St. Mary's staff in **APRIL 2019**.