RATIONALE

Mullauna College recognises that education involves a partnership between parents, students and teachers. Successful learning outcomes for students are enhanced if this partnership is an active and co-operative one in which all stakeholders are encouraged to participate and contribute.

PURPOSE

1. To enhance learning outcomes for all students;
2. To provide avenues for constructive participation by parents in the education of their children;
3. To promote a sense of pride and belonging in the College;
4. To utilise the skills and knowledge of the whole College community in pursuit of improved learning outcomes.

GUIDELINES

1. Parents should be encouraged to participate in:
   • appropriate classroom and related activities
   • College Council and its committees
   • Assisting with the music program, library maintenance and co-curricular programs
   • Fundraising, maintenance and related activities
2. Parent involvement in the learning programs of the College must be under the direction of the teacher responsible for the activity, and must be exercised in accordance with College policy and procedures.
3. Where appropriate, training will be made available to enhance the involvement of parents.
4. Parent involvement will be consistent with legal requirements and Department of Education & Early Childhood Development protocols.
5. Opportunities for involvement will be publicised to parents through such communications as the Links newsletter.
6. Prior to involvement, parents will be clearly informed about the nature of the activity, and a designated teacher will be made available for liaison.
7. Parents will be encouraged to take on leadership roles through the College Council and its committees.
8. Appropriate resources will be provided to support parents and teachers.
9. Members of the College community will be encouraged to identify areas where parental involvement can be utilised.
10. All parent helpers will register at the General Office prior to their activity.
11. The ultimate responsibility for determining the appropriateness of the activity or personnel involved will rest with the Principal and/or College Council as appropriate.

EVALUATION

1. The level of parent satisfaction with opportunities for involvement will be evaluated annually in the Parent Opinion Survey.
2. Policies and programs will be reviewed as appropriate.