

Community Consultation Policy

Rationale

Winchester School has a commitment to making consultation with the community a realistic, satisfying and sustainable process. It sees consultation as a major step in developing a collaborative relationship with the community.

Purpose

To enhance learning by establishing a responsible and effective partnership with the community.

To inform and seek involvement of the school’s community in activities and practices within the school.

To encourage community and staff commitment by building on existing networks and structures.

Guidelines

A welcoming, warm school atmosphere, acknowledging the value of parents’ support and partnership should be developed.

Opportunities to encourage parents to visit and communicate with the school should be fostered.

The Board of Trustees shall consult at least annually with the Hui Whanau group to ensure Maori have a voice

Consultation should be an on-going part of school life rather than a series of unrelated additional tasks.

- For effective consultation the school must:
- ensure the parties involved fully understand the consultation process
 - select meaningful issues to work on
 - draw on people’s strengths and interests
 - give people prompt feedback and well publicised and constructive action

Efficient processes for gathering, collating, analysing and reporting information and opinions are a prerequisite of effective consultation.

A range of consultation processes should be used to engage different community groups.

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Chairperson _____