



# St Gerard Majella School

## Parent and Friends Policy

### PREAMBLE

The school community acts as one in the interests of the students. P & F planning and budgeting complement the efforts of the school staff to enhance the education of students

### POLICY

School Parents & Friends Associations provide a formal structure for parents and others interested in the welfare of the students to plan and organise activities for the benefit of the school. Parents & Friends Associations participate in Catholic schools by:

- providing a medium of support, information and involvement of parents/carers in their children's education and the school community
- developing collaboration between parents/carers and school staff
- promoting the principles of Catholic education
- fostering a distinctive Christian environment in the school
- providing a medium for parents/carers to participate at diocesan, state and national levels.

While other groups may be active within the life of the school, no group, other than the Parents & Friends Association, can represent the interests of the whole parent body at any school.

The St Gerard Majella School P & F has a dual purpose: to create social events and activities that strengthen school community relationships and to raise funds to support the school in accordance with the school mission.

### VALUES

Community, Justice, Service, Kindness, Inclusivity, Communication, Creativity

### PRINCIPLES

- The P & F Association will adopt and abide by a constitution and be accountable to the school administration for the funds it raises.
- The P & F holds meetings on a regular basis, dates and times are advertised in the school newsletter.



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## Parent and Friends Policy - continued

### PRINCIPLES - continued

- Parents and carers are welcome and encouraged to attend each meeting.
- The P & F Association should be flexible in its operation with parents and teachers, seeking the most appropriate ways of addressing the needs of its community.
- The school administration is conscious of the voluntary commitment of the P & F and will regularly affirm their work and acknowledge their contribution to the life of the school

### EVALUATION

This policy is to be reviewed as part of the School's renewal cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Board on 26 October 2016

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