



St Maroun's College



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Introduction and Purpose

The College is committed to meeting the needs of the local community. In doing so, it will communicate openly and transparently with the community, seeking their input, where appropriate, into school direction, priorities and decision-making. However, the College Principal is responsible for final decisions and any such consultations are advisory.

Implementation

In the day to day administration of the College, the Principal may consult many local groups, such as the College Executive especially the Senior Executive), representatives from the Parents and Friends Committee, the College Chaplain and the College Advisory Board. All of these groups form consultative forums for assisting in developing the direction and monitoring the progress of the College. Whilst being attentive to their input, it is the responsibility of the College Principal to make decisions in the best interests of the College and it's primary educational mission.

The tools of such consultation approaches may include minutes of informal and formal meetings, surveys, questionnaires or open forums and the information so gleaned should be openly distributed, where practicable and where appropriate. Some such tools may be used purely for information gathering and may not require formal comments.

The Principal will always endeavor to listen to people, gather their thoughts and decide on the direction to take in the light of such information gathering and consultation. Ownership of decisions made is best promoted by such open consultation, reporting on the decisions arrived at and where possible, giving the reasons for the policy or the decisions.

Policy Review

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