

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

The college community consists of a diverse range of people, which includes parents/carers, friends, local residents, other schools, business and community groups. In providing a quality education for our students we are committed to the development of effective relationships with the local and wider communities. It has been informed by the following values:

Trust and Respect: behaving with integrity and having confidence in, and high regard for others.

Learning: recognising and practising learning as a lifelong process of continual development.

Honest Communication: developing positive and effective relationships with others; listening and responding to others without judgement; treating each other with respect.

Sense of Fun: creating an environment in which everyone can enjoy himself/herself as they participate and contribute to the college.

Inclusiveness: creating an environment in which people are valued for their skills and are encouraged to participate and contribute to the college.

Community Involvement

We encourage, support and welcome parents/carers and community members to:

- Actively participate in the programs, policy development and reviews at the college
- Become part of our college community
- Share responsibilities in supporting students in their learning
- Provide feedback and advice on college programs
- Provide access to local resources that will enhance the learning experiences
- Share our resources and facilities

We believe that the development of a strong relationship with our neighbourhood schools and our Regional network will enhance the effectiveness of our programs through:

- The sharing of expertise
- Joint provision of professional development
- Sharing of resources – personnel & finance
- Support of the Wyndham Schools Network, and the School Council Network

Community and College Protocols

To ensure a strong and effective partnership, the college will:

- Make all community members welcome
- Encourage new members to join in and feel as if they belong
- Display courtesy and respect for everyone
- Value the diversity of the community
- Maintain appropriate confidentiality

Communication

The college will keep the community informed of its achievements and activities by:

- Publishing and distributing regular college newsletters
- Holding regular meetings with parents and College Council
- Providing training programs such as – Classroom Helpers, Developing Literacy Partnerships, Life Education
- Encouraging participation in college -based professional development when appropriate
- Publishing Annual Reports and College Reviews that communicate the college's performance in terms of its goals, priorities and improvement areas as outlined in the College Strategic Plan.
- Providing well publicized parent/teacher and information meetings
- Providing an information booklet to all new families
- Encouraging visitors to our weekly assemblies and special events

The college will obtain feedback from the school community by:

- Seeking and including community responses in the evaluation of college goals and programs via parent opinion surveys and other questionnaires
- Conducting regular, needs-based parent/ teacher interviews, program support group meetings and individual learning plan meetings

Student Code of Conduct

Principles

The Student Code of Conduct at Baden Powell College is guided by the following principles:

- All children have the right to be safe
- All children have the right to be treated with respect
- All children have the right to work and play in a secure environment without interference, intimidations, harassment, bullying or disruption
- All children are encouraged to be polite, courteous and well mannered
- Parents have a right to expect that their child will be educated in a secure environment where care, courtesy and respect for others are encouraged
- Parents have an obligation to support the school in its efforts to maintain a productive learning environment
- Teachers should expect to be able to teach in an atmosphere of order and cooperation
- Principals and staff will fairly, reasonably and consistently implement the Student Code of Conduct

School Rules

There are five basic school rules:

- Move and play safely
- Care for yourself, others and property
- Resolve problems calmly, sensibly and fairly
- Respect others through your speech and manners
- Work to the best of your ability and allow others to do the same

Rights and Responsibilities

A set of rights and responsibilities outlining acceptable and unacceptable behaviour is necessary in order for Baden Powell College to meet its educational and social goals.

Students have the following rights:	Students have the following responsibilities:
<i>To feel safe at school</i>	<i>To learn and obey all school rules</i>
<i>To learn without interference from others</i>	<i>To attend class prepared to learn and not interfere with the learning of others</i>
<i>To be treated with respect and in a fair and equitable manner free from harassment</i>	<i>To treat others with respect and resolve differences through discussion and compromise and not conflict</i>
<i>To expect your property to be safe</i>	<i>To take care of your own and other's property</i>