



The Carmel Way Parent Consultation

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*When families and schools work together, children are more likely to
build good relationships and do better at school.*

INTRODUCTION

Carmel College recognises parents as the first and foremost educators of their children and seeks to work in close partnership with families to promote student learning, wellbeing and engagement. Based on the principles of Epstein's framework of Six Types of Involvement – sometimes called the "School-Family-Community Partnership Model, Carmel College has developed this Parent Consultation strategy to enable, promote and facilitate highly effective collaborative, cooperative and seamless relationships between home and school.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

For Carmel College and Parents to engage in effective developmental partnerships to support student learning, wellbeing and engagement.

The Carmel Way for Parent Consultation seeks to:

- Offer parents relevant, evidence-based strategies and ideas in respect of their child's academic progress (e.g. study, time management, learning engagement),
- Provide parents with knowledge and strategies which effectively promote and support their child's wellbeing,
- Establish a forum for parents to provide advice and feedback to the College on matters relating to College life as this relates to the positive experiences of students,
- Establish a forum for parents to guide the college in relation to priority needs for the expenditure of Parent Levy funds,
- Establish day to day operational guidelines for established Parent Levy supported activities

STRUCTURE

- Four to six forum meetings per year utilising an input and feedback format.
Topics may vary and be responsive to need and may include (but not limited to): teaching and learning, study skills, mental health and wellbeing, neuroscience, adolescent behaviour, growth mindset, resilience, school procedures and policy,
Feedback will be provided to the community following each forum.
- One meeting to focus on strategic planning and priorities for expenditure of Parent Levy funds in the following year.



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OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

Carmel College supports the action and tradition of the Carmel College Parents & Friends Association which operated for 30 years up to 2023. The P&F established initiatives and practices that the College seeks to maintain.

Parents and Friends Care and Concern

The Care and Concern process aims to show the love of Jesus in a real and practical way by helping families in the school community in difficult times such as illness, trauma or others short term family crisis. The Care and Concern assistance can help families with support when it is most needed by providing vouchers through the Parent Levy for food and services to help Carmel College families during difficult times.

Families can apply for support by contacting the college Business Manager or Principal and can recommend support for other Carmel families if they are aware of need.

Financial Assistance for Representative Teams

Students who excel at school activities such as sport, debating, creative arts or academic competitions may be supported by the Parent Levy.

To support families of students who make representative teams or groups at Regional, State or National level the following guidelines have been set to provide students with financial assistance.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for financial assistance from the Parent Levy, the following criteria must be met:

- The student must be currently enrolled at Carmel College for the calendar year
- Sports must be under the auspice of Queensland School Sport
- Other activities must be bona fide school representative events. i.e involve a clear definitive school representative pathway
- The application must be accompanied by a copy of the selection letter
- The application is to be received within the school year of the event
- The College has discretion to consider which events or activities may be considered for financial assistance and may review the principles in consultation with parent representatives.

Funding:

Families can apply for a financial assistance grant of \$200 for a student who is selected to represent the college for recognised school sport representation or other activity that is deemed suitable. Applications may be made once per calendar year per child.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information on The Carmel Way – Parent Engagement can be obtained via the College during business hours.