COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

RATIONALE:

At St. Margaret’s our school motto is ‘Knowledge, Faith, Compassion and Community. We believe that to develop community within our school we should reach out to the parent and wider community and engage them in the life of the school.

To carry this out we have several organisations that we have developed and there others that we liaise with. The Parents and Friends Committee was formed to raise money for the school and to have a place where parents could meet each other and help develop the school. This group meets during the school day and excludes fathers from that opportunity. Several years ago the Father’s Association was formed to promote fellowship and to help raise funds and to control the gardens and surrounds. The group communicates by email and meets at least once a term for social interaction. The third group formed is the Parent Class Representative group, which is a person from each class that consults with the principal on areas such as curriculum and policy. This person also organises social activities at a class level for parents and children.

The school has formed a great relationship with the likes of St. Vincent de Paul Society local branch to raise finances and goods for distribution to local needy people/families.

The school has developed a partnership with St. Aloysius for year 4 girls who attend the school and become involved with an arts and cooking program organised by year 11 girls.

The school will seek as many different groups to work with in order to promote a community that reaches out to others to develop greater ties and a deeper understanding of what a Catholic Community is.