

# Associated College Documents – Procedures, Processes

- Constitutions of the College Board, Finance Committee, P. & F and Parent Support Network
- Fundraising procedures
- Sport Directory
- Industry links for students through SCIPs.
- MOUs with external educational providers e.g. TAFE
- Excursion, visit and guest speaker information and planning pages
- House Mission.
- Prayers for liturgy, assembly, formation, meetings, College events, etc.
- Event organising committee minutes and programs
- Community Access Program
- Griffith University – Valued Partner Program



# Policy Statement

## Community Relationships

### Mission Statement

**Our Mission** is to work actively as a Catholic, Christian, inclusive learning community.

**Our Context:** Clairvaux MacKillop College is a co-educational Catholic Secondary College that seeks to develop a unique identity of faith, hope and love, based on the vision and person of Jesus Christ.

There are 5 College Policy Documents, (1) Education; (2) Resourcing the College; (3) Faith Development; (4) Pastoral Matters; (5) Community Relationships.

Each policy is anchored in our Mission and each is supported by a range of procedures and processes that are documented and reviewed so that they remain relevant.

*“Jesus welcomed the crowds, spoke to them about the Kingdom of God,  
and healed those who needed it.”*

*Luke 9:11*

## Community Relationships Policy

The Community Relationships policy is to ensure that the College maintains a dynamic Catholic school community that is welcoming, inclusive and supportive.

### Purpose

This policy recognizes that Clairvaux MacKillop College actively participates in a network of community partnerships and relationships. This policy and the associated principles, guidelines and procedures provide a framework to guide decision making and actions related to the development and enrichment of these partnerships and relationships.

### Rationale

The College community recognises that the education of a young person is most successful when students, teachers, parents and the wider community work together. An active and vibrant community enriches the learning experiences of students and also enhances the College environment and resources. Clairvaux MacKillop College recognises the importance of shared values, including our Catholic faith, in developing our sense of community. We acknowledge that strong, healthy communities develop through:

- Leadership
- Inclusiveness
- Open communication
- Supportive structures, processes and environment
- Shared values and mission

The policy recognises the richness that an active and supportive community brings to the identity and purpose of Clairvaux MacKillop College. College activities, events and practices play an important role in the formation and development of our community.

### Reporting and Accountability

The College provides a range of opportunities for communication and forums for shared decision making. These form the foundation of positioning the College as a Catholic learning community in the wider context of community. Clairvaux MacKillop College has effective processes in place for planning, implementing, resourcing, evaluating and reporting on these opportunities. The College responds to its community through a range of mediums and forums. These include formal structures, such as the College Board, the Parent, Staff and Friends Association; formal events, such as parent information evenings, staff meetings; publications, such as the College website, the College newsletter and annual College magazine; and, informal social interactions

such as sports carnivals, College liturgy and clubs. A collaborative and open approach develops shared goals and reinforces desired outcomes by providing a supportive and inclusive environment for College programs. Our community policy is faithful to principles and values articulated in Church teaching and Brisbane Archdiocesan Guidelines.

### Inclusive Practice and Participation

Clairvaux MacKillop College provides a range of opportunities that allow students, families, staff, the Church community, our neighbours, local businesses and other community groups and organisations to engage with and participate in the life of the College. These aim to create a sense of belonging through events such as College liturgy, sporting and cultural events, clubs and committees. New community members and visitors are welcomed and orientated to the school environment. Our College Mission Statement anchors and guides our community practice as we strive to be a welcoming and inclusive community.

### Futures perspective

Clairvaux MacKillop College recognises the dynamic nature of communities and that partnerships and relationships need to be responsive and adaptable. The sense of community developed at Clairvaux MacKillop College enables students to be active contributors within other communities.

### Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or as:

- New developments/research occurs
- Legislation updates occurs
- Brisbane Catholic Education requirements change

By this process, Clairvaux MacKillop College can ensure the best practice for its students, staff and parents.

### Authorisation

The Clairvaux MacKillop College Pastoral Board endorses this policy which has been determined in consultation with staff and parents. The policy takes effect as of March 2009 and is authorised by the Clairvaux MacKillop College Principal.

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