

# TEXAS P-10 STATE SCHOOL

## PARENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK



<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>COMMUNICATION</u></b></p> <p>At Texas P-10 State School, we value effective communication between schools, parents, the community and students as the foundation in developing and maintaining partnerships.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff connect with the parent/s of every child in the school (regular phone calls, communication books, informal discussions).</li> <li>• Communication to community (school newsletter, local paper, website, QSchools App, School Noticeboard, Class Dojo App, Facebook). Could you say something about P&amp;C meetings</li> <li>• Calendar of events advertised in school newsletter outlining upcoming events.</li> <li>• Parent Information evenings.</li> <li>• Term Snapshots/Curriculum Overviews distributed.</li> <li>• Class Dojo to inform parents of daily events and learning activities.</li> <li>• Prep Transition occurs in term 4 of each year (Information morning, 2 x transition mornings, visits by Prep teacher to early childhood centres).</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>COMMUNITY COLLABORATION</u></b></p> <p>At Texas P-10 State School, we believe that schools do not exist in isolation – they are often the central hub of their community. We look for a variety of ways for the Texas community to work together for the benefit of all.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generate and maintain contact with relevant health professionals in the area (school nurse, GO, Headspace, Immunisations, etc).</li> <li>• Open school facilities for community use (Little A's, Junior and Senior Netball, First Lego League Team).</li> <li>• Excursions to the Historical Museum, Rabbit Works, Town Library, Foodworks and Art Gallery.</li> <li>• Texas Show – Students perform (dance and sing), student work on display, school equipment is shared with the Show Society for the event.</li> <li>• Local businesses support Year 9 students with placements for Work Experience.</li> <li>• Under 8's Day is celebrated and responsibilities shared between school, day care and kindy.</li> <li>• P-3 students visit Mingoola Aged Care to perform Christmas Concert for residents.</li> <li>• P&amp;C cater for Year 10 End of Year Dinner.</li> <li>• Year 10 Students participate in Community Collaboration at Community Health.</li> <li>• Principal contributes to Community Advisory Network (CAN) meeting each month.</li> <li>• P&amp;C provide catering on-site for various charitable organisations that travel through town.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PARTNERSHIPS WITH PARENTS</u></b></p> <p>Learning is not limited to the classroom at Texas P-10 State School. The belief, expectation and experience of parents is a powerful determinant in student's achievement. Understanding the school, home and community contribution to student learning helps cultivate a holistic learning environment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home readers sent home in the primary school.</li> <li>• Report cards and parent-teacher interviews inform parents of where their child is sitting in their learning journey.</li> <li>• Prep Orientation Day.</li> <li>• Collaborative celebration days with the local childcare centre and Kindergarten group.</li> <li>• ParentTV – Online parent professional development to support families with the child's development.</li> <li>• Parent helpers within the classroom and at school sporting events.</li> <li>• A Homework Policy, has been endorsed by P&amp;C. Parents support students with the completion of homework.</li> </ul>

<p><b><u>DECISION-MAKING</u></b></p> <p>Texas P-10 State School provides opportunities for relevant consultation to ensure decisions reflect local needs – whether for an individual student or the school as a whole. Greater community ownership and trust of school directions and decisions are developed through open and authentic consultation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School opinion survey.</li> <li>• P&amp;C meetings.</li> <li>• Parent surveys.</li> <li>• Parents welcomed and regular invited to give feedback to Principal and staff.</li> <li>• Stakeholder meetings for vulnerable students.</li> <li>• Parent body is involved in 4-yearly review and strategic planning.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>SCHOOL CULTURE</u></b></p> <p>Parent and community participation in student learning and the school community is highly valued at Texas P-10 State School. This involvement sends a clear signal to students about the value of education.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New students (and families) are given a tour of the school and introduced to members of staff and their future peers. Enrolment interview with the Principal held before student commences.</li> <li>• Parents attend parades, school events and school ceremonies.</li> <li>• Families attend '100 Days of Prep celebration'.</li> <li>• Major ceremonies and events are advertised so that parents can attend.</li> <li>• School ANZAC Day Ceremony is open to the community to attend for those that are unable to attend the Dawn Service.</li> <li>• A whole-school Awards Ceremony is held with staff, students, parents/guardians and community members.</li> <li>• School socials.</li> <li>• Adopt-a-cop involved with safety messages and support of students and staff.</li> <li>• Student work celebrated in the 'Window of Opportunity' in the town main street.</li> <li>• Texas Has Talent Concert is a community concert that showcases Instrumental Music students work along with other school and community members.</li> </ul>

