

FORT STREET HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL POLICY
AN INCLUSIVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Preamble

Fort Street High School has a proud history of nurturing and producing Australians who have made, and continue to make, an enormous contribution to our society. The School Council is committed to ensuring that this contribution continues into the future.

The Fort Street school community is a microcosm of today's multicultural Australia. Its students come from very diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. They and their families speak 48 separate languages at home. The School Council both recognises and celebrates this diversity as one of the school's key strengths.

Policy Statement

The School Council is committed to:

- giving all members of the Fort Street school community the opportunity to participate in decision making about the school;
- providing easy access to information about the school and its activities; and
- promoting the easy participation of all sections of the school community in those aspects of school life relevant to their role as student, parent or alumnus.

Policy Implications

Representation and participation in the governance of the school.

The two key areas where representation and participation in governance can occur are through representation on the School Council, and participation in Community Forums and Parents and Citizens meetings. All members of the school community should be encouraged to participate in these forums.

Communication about the school and its activities.

Strategies need to be developed to ensure that all members of the Fort Street school community have easy access to key communications about the school, and within reason, in a language which they can understand.

Choice of community building activities for the school, especially those targeted at parents.

In the choice and design of community building activities, the needs and wishes of the broader school community need to be considered, especially those who might otherwise find it difficult to participate.

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