

Parent Engagement Policy

Rationale

At Al Bateen Secondary School we recognise that parents play a vital role in education. When parents are engaged and involved, all stakeholders benefit and the school is enriched as a positive place to teach, learn and grow. It is therefore a priority that we identify strategies that are effective in supporting parental engagement.

Aims

1. To ensure that parents are welcomed, respected and valued as partners by the school community in their children's learning and development
2. To facilitate a full range of choices and opportunities to enable parents to be involved and support student success
3. To enable engagement through on-going communication and dialogue to support a positive learning environment at home and at school
4. To provide tools which enable parents to participate in school life

Strategies for Success

The Parent Engagement Policy identifies a series of key strategies designed to support parents as partners so that they have the opportunity, skills, knowledge and tools to help fulfill our vision and aims.

1. **Environment** – We work to develop a positive learning culture and welcoming climate where parental input is welcomed, respected and valued. Specific activities include: *Principals drop-in, parent evenings and parent surveys*
2. **Parenting** – We aim to help all families to develop the most effective home conditions for facilitating learning including: *parent workshops, home visits, guideline publications via the school website and parent portal*
3. **Communication** – We aim to maintain regular communication with parents through a variety of methods including: *parent portal, email, telephone, face-to-face meetings, school newsletter, student planner communications*. We also provide appropriate translation
4. **Learning at Home** – We explore and utilise opportunities to further engage parents at school and at home to support student achievement through: *parent workshop and guidance on curriculum and assessment*.
5. **Making Decisions** – We aim to involve parents in decision-making activities to help build a sense of ownership in the school through: *PTA activities, principals drop-in and parent surveys*
6. **Community** – We regularly participate in community projects involving parents to help build connections outside of the school and enrich the activities within the school including: *regular charitable fundraising events, trips and visits, and workshops and lectures from visitors in the community*