

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT POLICY

National Quality Standard - Quality Area 6

PURPOSE

Black Rock Pre School (BRPS) encourages families to become involved in the kindergarten community and in the educational process. Black Rock Pre School encourages participation that is built on a respectful working relationship with the educating staff.

POLICY STATEMENT

Family Participation

The education of children is a collaborative process, and families are active participants.

Throughout the year, families are invited to;

- Join the Committee of Management (C.O.M) or a sub-committee
- Attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM)/Information night
- Participate in social events during, and outside of, kinder hours
- Provide feedback and input into reviews of policies and procedures

Families are encouraged to talk to the teachers, share skills and interests at the kinder and share in celebrations at the kinder.

Section 1 – Family Help within the Educational Programs

BRPS encourages family involvement in all areas of the educational program. This could include;

- Beach Kindergarten assistance
- Education session helpers
- Excursions

Family members assisting within the educational programs will need to meet the requirements of the Volunteer Policy, which includes holding a current Working with Children (WWC) check. Please refer to the Participation of Volunteer and Students Policy for more information.

Section 2 – Maintenance Levy

** Section 1 – Family Help within the Educational Program is not part of the requirements related to the non-payment of the maintenance levy.*

The BRPS maintenance levy of \$125 is a voluntary fee that parents are asked to contribute at the start of the year. For those who do not contribute toward this monetary levy, it is expected that the family will attend at least 4 working bees or undertake other authorised activities to assist with the maintenance of the kindergarten grounds and facilities.

Those who contribute to the maintenance levy are still expected to contribute to two working bees or other authorised activities.

Those who have not contributed to the levy and have not contributed to any activities in the first half of the year, will be asked to contribute to a Busy Parent Levy of \$125 before the end of the year.

Authorised attendance events/tasks are:

- Working bees – Maintenance days
- Specific maintenance tasks or special projects as requested by C.O.M
- Housekeeping requests
- BRPS Fundraising Events – e.g. Bunnings Sausage Sizzle or Cake Stall rostered help
- Management of tasks at fundraising events
- Significant donations of resources, equipment or other supplies.

In most cases each event or task is expected to be 2 hrs of support. This list is not exhaustive and from time to time an opportunity may present (but is not guaranteed) where specialist skills are required may become available. If this occurs, the opportunity will be clearly communicated by the C.O.M as counting towards the authorised attendance/events.

Authorisation & Review

This policy was endorsed by the Approved Providers and accepted by BRPS Committee of Management in January 2021

This policy will usually be reviewed every two years, however, due to the government free kindergarten program in 2021, this policy will be reviewed again in December 2021.

Background and Relevant Legislation

National Quality Standard – Quality Area 6, Standard 6.1 & 6.2

Education and Care Services National Regulations Sept. 2013, Regulations 73, 76, 86, 99, 102, 157 & 171