

# Parent and Community Engagement Framework

## — At a glance

### 1. What is the Parent and Community Engagement Framework?

The *Parent and Community Engagement Framework* supports schools to engage with parents and communities, to work together to maximise student learning outcomes.

It identifies what schools can do to strengthen learning outcomes for students — through effective partnerships between principals, teachers, students, parents and the community.

### 2. Why do we need a Parent and Community Engagement Framework?

Queensland state schools already work with parents and the community. Research and experience tells us what kinds of engagement make the most difference to student outcomes. The framework looks beyond the traditional engagement activities to strategies that make a difference to student outcomes. Through the framework, all state schools are encouraged to strengthen their approaches to parent and community engagement.

### 3. What are the five key principles identified in the Education Queensland *Parent and Community Engagement framework*?

The *Parent and Community Engagement Framework* identifies what schools can do to strengthen learning outcomes for students — through effective partnerships between principals, teachers, students, parents and the community. The framework is based around five key principles:

- Communication
- Learning partnerships
- Community collaboration
- Decision making
- Participation

### 4. Who was consulted during the development of the *Parent and Community Engagement framework*?

The *Parent and Community Engagement Framework* was developed and refined in response to input and feedback from:

- Professor Ben Levin, Professor John Hattie and Dr George Otero
- Regional Directors, Assistant Regional Directors and regional curriculum leaders
- Representatives from P&Cs Qld, the Queensland Association of State School Principals, the Queensland Secondary Principals' Association, the Queensland Association of Special Education Leaders, the Queensland Teachers' Union, the Queensland Indigenous Education Consultative Committee.

Support has been provided by all stakeholders, with P&Cs Qld, the Regional Directors and the Education Queensland Stakeholders' Reference Group providing endorsement of the framework.

### 5. What support is available to schools?

We have developed a [Parent and Community Engagement framework](#) website with a range of online resources to support schools. Read about practical strategies to plan and implement local parent and community engagement programs. Find a range of vodcasts and case studies; guides for parents, teachers and principals; and links to contemporary websites in Australia and internationally.