

WAITAKERE COLLEGE

Section F LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

Policy Community Consultation

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Reviewers Principal, Business Manager

Goal

Consultation is a continuous, long-term process which aims to establish a genuine level of communication between the school and the community and a mutual sharing of viewpoints on a two-way basis. Consultation should be recognized as one level of collaboration.

Objectives

- 1 To enhance learning by establishing a responsive and effective partnership with the school's community.
- 2 To establish appropriate processes and strategies which recognize the nature of the community.
- 3 To develop a workable school-community partnership in which the collaborative process is carefully planned, managed and built into the practices of school development.

Guidelines

- 1 A welcoming school atmosphere, acknowledging the value of parent support and partnership should be developed.
- 2 In sharing information and decision-making with the school community, the following are important:
 - promoting shared understanding of opportunities for the purpose of collaboration
 - using simple (jargon-free) language
 - planning and budgeting for the process of collaboration
 - allowing room for community initiative
 - being prepared to trial new strategies
- 3 Consideration should be given to using culturally appropriate styles and venues in the local community (outside the school) including meeting with parents, e.g. hui and fono.
- 4 Collaboration must be viewed as a cyclic, on-going process. Plans for community partnership should be designed to be realistic, workable, appropriate, flexible and far-reaching.
- 5 A regular longitudinal survey will be carried out.

Chairperson

Principal

Date