

## **APPENDIX B.**

## **MECHANISMS FOR COMMUNICATION**

## SCHOOL TO COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION

MECHANISM	PURPOSE	ACTION	FREQUENCY
Newsletter	To communicate key events, policies, ideas and achievements to the school community	Admin staff to coordinate items	Newsletter     distributed every     second Friday in     digital form and     archived for     future reference
School Council and sub committees	To represent the school community in governance of the school. including the development of the strategic plan and policies, raising funds, ensuring the school meet the DET compliance regulations.	<ul> <li>Elections held annually. Position on school council held for two years</li> <li>Meeting times and articles are published in the school newsletter to report back on the work of School Council</li> <li>School council and sub committees reformed each year and activities reported</li> </ul>	Meetings held twice a term
Compass	<ul> <li>To provide two way communication platform for parents and carers to access information and sharing of information</li> <li>To communicate key events and reminders to the school community</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Parents/carers allocated a password to access the Parent Portal.</li> <li>Parent portal is open for parents to notify the school of absences.</li> <li>Reports will be sent electronically through Compass</li> <li>School resource documents can be accessed on this site.</li> <li>Bookings for school Student led conferences and school events</li> </ul>	• Ongoing

		<ul> <li>Push notifications published regularly</li> </ul>	
PYP Brochures	<ul> <li>To inform parents of the Program of Inquiry and curriculum development</li> <li>To inform parents about the curriculum overview for each UOI</li> </ul>	PLC teams to send home information brochure to inform parents about the PYP and to share with parents their teaching planner	At the start of each UOI
Student contact details	To ensure all student information, health issues and contact details are up to date	<ul> <li>Reminder on the         website and fortnightly         newsletter</li> <li>Printout of student         information sent home         with each student for         review by         parents/carers to         ensure contact details         are accurate</li> </ul>	● Early term 1
School website	To provide     information about     the school and its     programs	<ul> <li>Regularly updated</li> <li>Important dates &amp; calendar of events published</li> </ul>	Ongoing updates
Social media	To share and celebrate the events and achievements that occur in school daily life.	<ul> <li>To post images and news from school events to share with the local community.</li> <li>As a means of giving information about upcoming events.</li> </ul>	• Ongoing
Assemblies	To recognise and share achievements and information with parents and students	<ul> <li>Assembly conducted weekly by JSC and school captains.</li> <li>Classes share their learning on a rotational basis</li> <li>Opportunity for sharing of skills and achievements with</li> </ul>	Weekly Fortnightly in terms 2 & 3: a junior & senior assembly

		students, teachers and parents	
Community events	To foster a sense of school community through shared experiences and activities	Notes to advise as required	<ul> <li>Wales Street         Social to             coordinate             events     </li> </ul>

## COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS

MECHANISM	PURPOSE	ACTION	FREQUENCY
Informal meetings with parents/carers and teacher	<ul> <li>To share relevant information to support individual students</li> <li>To share ILPs, goals and strategies</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Parent/carer or teacher initiates meeting</li></ul>	As required
Parent information night	To share classroom programs & organisation to parents.	Teachers provide a shared presentation on the curriculum of a grade level. Time for Q & A at the end	Early term 1 face to face parent teacher evening
Student led conferences	<ul> <li>Students present their learning to the parent and the teacher</li> <li>Set goals for future learning</li> </ul>	Parents use Compass to book a time to be involved in 3 way student led conference	Early Term 3
NAPLAN National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy	To assess student performance in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy against national benchmarks	<ul> <li>10 days of testing in March</li> <li>Reports are issued to parents at the end of term 3</li> </ul>	• Week7 & 8 Term 1
Semester written reports	To provide a comprehensive report about students' progress, achievements, social	<ul> <li>Teachers complete         assessment and         moderation and         prepare written reports</li> <li>Reports are submitted         to the leadership team         for review</li> </ul>	Last week of term     2 and 4

	development and work habits	<ul> <li>Data is collected electronically and stored for data analysis</li> <li>Reports issued to parents before at the end of term 2 and Term 4</li> </ul>	
Prep Information Night	To provide parents with an overview of a school life, including the Literacy and Numeracy skills and content that are introduced in the foundation year and how they support their child	An information night is conducted for parents by teachers in the foundation team.	
Students portfolios	<ul> <li>To provide students, teachers and parents with an opportunity to reflect upon student learning</li> <li>To support written reports and as a body of evidence to demonstrate student achievement</li> <li>To support student agency in their learning</li> <li>Use as a guide to set learning goals</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Students and teachers compile portfolios</li> <li>Used during the Student Led Conference as the vehicle for demonstrating their learning</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Foundation portfolios are shared in open afternoons and student led conferences and sent home at the end of the year</li> <li>Digital Portfolios in Grades 1-6</li> </ul>
Disability and Inclusion/Wellbeing	To foster optimal educational outcomes for students with special needs and learning difficulties-consultation with parents, departmental representatives and outside agencies	<ul> <li>Notes to advise as required.</li> <li>Records kept in individual student files (confidential) to follow the student as they pass through the school</li> <li>Teachers use At Risk process to identify and track student intervention strategies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Meetings         with relevant         stakeholders         held as         required</li> <li>Ongoing         monitoring         throughout         the year</li> <li>SSG termly         meetings for</li> </ul>

			funded students
COMPASS	<ul> <li>To provide parents with access to attendance records and report absences to the school</li> <li>As a portal for parents to book into school events such as interviews, SLC and school based events</li> <li>To provide a comprehensive report about students' progress, achievements, social development and work habits</li> <li>Calendar of Events</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Teachers complete assessment and moderation and prepare written reports</li> <li>Teachers enter data on learning tasks for parents to access via the parent portal</li> <li>Teachers use Compass for electronic roll marking morning and afternoon each day.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Every day- roll marking</li> <li>As required for events</li> <li>Reporting as semester reports twice a year</li> <li>Booking parent/teacher interviews</li> </ul>

STUDENT VOICE			
MECHANISM	PURPOSE	ACTION	FREQUENCY
Class meetings Grade 4-6	To promote positive social development and raise issues for class discussion	class meetings run by     JSC reps	<ul> <li>Fortnightly         Meetings in         Grades 4-6 using         the Car Park         protocol     </li> </ul>

Junior School Council	To allow students to make positive contributions to the school environment and wider community	Staff member coordinates representatives elected from the grades 4, 5 & 6 classes.	●Annual elections ●Fortnightly Meetings
Assemblies	To recognise and share achievements and information with parents and students	<ul> <li>Assembly conducted weekly by school captains.</li> <li>Opportunity for sharing of skills and achievements with students, teachers and parents</li> <li>Merit certificates given out based on Learner Profile focus</li> </ul>	●Weekly in terms 1 & 4  ●Fortnightly in the hall terms 2 & 3: junior & senior assemblies
Open Classroom sessions	To provide students     an opportunity to take     action and share their     learning with their     families	Teaching teams to plan for opportunities to share the student units of inquiry.	<ul> <li>Education         Week open         mornings</li> <li>Classroom         open         afternoons</li> </ul>