



FAMILY INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Quality Area 6

PURPOSE

St Johns Kindergarten encourages families to become involved in the kindergarten community and in the educational process.

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; and
- 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

St Johns Kindergarten encourages family involvement in all areas of the educational program. This could include;

- Education session helpers;
- Excursions;
- Bush Kinder program;
- Housekeeping requests.

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 Volunteer Policy for more information.

Section 2 – Family Involvement Levy

** Section 1 – Family Help within the Educational Program is not part of the family involvement levy*

The SJK family involvement levy of \$150 is paid as part of Term 1 fees or as part of the first fee payment of the year. It is refunded once a family member has completed and has authorised attendance at two (2) events or tasks. These could include;

- SJK Fundraising Events – e.g. Bunnings Sausage Sizzle or Cake Stall rostered help;
- Participation by joining the C.O.M;
- Working bees – Maintenance days at the kindergarten;
- Working bees – either within George St Reserve on one of their nominated days or at Tjilatjirin Reserve as required;
- Maintenance tasks as requested by C.O.M; and
- Management of tasks at fundraising events.

In most cases each event or task is expected to be 2-3hrs of support.

AUTHORISATION & REVIEW

This policy was endorsed by St Johns Kindergarten Committee of Management on May 2017.

This policy will be reviewed every two years and is next due in 2019, unless deemed necessary earlier.

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