



St Patrick's School

Work Placements at St Patrick's Primary School

St Patrick's Primary School will, in welcoming members of the wider community on work placements (including internships, teaching practicums and work experience), strive to ensure that the benefits are maximised and the interests of the school community are not compromised.

Rationale

The school is a valuable community resource and each year it is approached by members of the wider community who wish to complete various forms of work placement as part of courses of study in institutions such as schools, TAFE colleges, and universities.

While the school benefits from work placements and is committed to contributing to the wider community, these requests can have an impact on the life of the school and be demanding in terms of time and other resources.

The school will work to minimise any negative impact of work placements, will ensure that all legal requirements are met, and will ensure that the rights of all are protected.

Implementation

Consideration of each request for a work placement of any kind will be made by the school Leadership Team in accordance with the following guidelines, and the final decision will be at the discretion of the Principal.

- Each request for a placement will be considered on its merits. Approval will be dependent on the school's ability to accommodate the request, particularly if the demand for placements is high, and subject to the availability of suitable class groups and staff supervisors.
- No parent or relation to a child will undertake any placement that is attached to a child's class.

- In order to encourage a variety of experiences and to allow others to share in opportunities for placement, requests for a return placement will not necessarily be granted.
- All work placements will be consistent with the guidelines and code of ethics stipulated by the applicant's educational institutions.
- All legislative requirements must be met and appropriate documentation submitted to the school before a placement can commence.
- Before a placement can commence, the applicant must agree to be bound by the school's Practice Teaching and Work Experience Code of Conduct and the other requirements of the school.
- It should not be assumed that work placement at St Patrick's school will lead to any offer of employment.
- The work placement may be terminated at any time by the Principal should the terms and conditions on which it was made be breached, or should the Principal have reasonable grounds to consider this option necessary for the well-being of the school community.

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