



QUALITY AREA 6

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

THIS QUALITY AREA OF THE NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD FOCUSES ON COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILIES THAT ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO ACHIEVING QUALITY OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS THAT ARE BASED ON ACTIVE COMMUNICATION, CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATION.

- **ST MARY'S SCHOOL STRENGTHS:**
- **PARENT INVOLVEMENT IS VALUED, APPRECIATED AND SUPPORTED THROUGH PARENT MEETINGS, PARENT ROSTERS, WORKSHOPS, MASSES, ORIENTATION, INCURSION/EXCURSIONS, SPECIAL DAYS, SCHOOL FEAST DAY, CARNIVALS AND ASSEMBLIES.**
- **PARENTS ARE ACKNOWLEDGED AS THE FIRST EDUCATOR AND THEIR VIEWS, CULTURES, VALUES AND BELIEFS ARE RESPECTED AND UPHELD.**
- **TRANSITIONS BETWEEN YEAR LEVELS ARE SUPPORTED BY STAFF THROUGH SHARING INFORMATION, CLARIFYING RESPONSIBILITIES, TESTING, DISCUSSIONS, COLLECTING DATA AND HANDOVERS.**
- **EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH PARENTS SUPPORT CHILDREN'S INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOOL'S PROGRAMS THROUGH MEETINGS, OPEN LINES OF COMMUNICATION, IEPS, CAPS AND PROFESSIONAL NETWORK MEETINGS.**
- **ACCESSIBLY RESOURCES ARE EVIDENT AND AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, INCLUDING RAMPS, SHOWER, CHANGING AREAS AND TOILET.**
- **ST MARY'S HAS A STRONG COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP – WEEKLY VISITS TO BROOKVIEW, MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM, NORTHAMPTON NEWS, NCVISSA, NORTHAMPTON SHOW, EWE TURN, ANZAC DAY, FAMILY AND SPECIAL MASSES, 150TH CELEBRATIONS, NAIDOC WEEK AND PLAYGROUP VISITS.**