

# Family Involvement Program

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Overnewton Anglican Community College is a low fee independent school with a high degree of parental involvement. The Family Involvement Program is an important commitment that parents make when enrolling their child at the College. It is a unique concept and is part of what makes Overnewton such a unified community of students, staff and parents. We believe that it is important that our parents are truly part of their children's education.

It is expected that all families contribute 12 hours of service to the College per term. *\*This commitment is reduced to 8 hours per term after 10 years at the College (ie: in a family's 11th year and beyond at the College).*

This time commitment can be contributed by assisting in any of the following workgroups:

- Banking Group.
- Buildings and Grounds e.g. assisting at working bees held 3-4 times per term.
- Handyman Group.
- Canteen Group. Assisting in the school canteen.
- Catering Group. Preparation of food for school functions.
- Classroom Assistance Group. Assisting classroom teachers inside and outside the classroom.
- Classroom Maintenance Group. Cleaning and maintenance of classrooms.
- College Uniform Shop. Assisting with sales of school uniform.
- Country Fair Group. The Parents and Friends Association major annual fundraising event.
- First Aid Group. Assisting the College nurses in the sickbay.
- Fundraising Drives Group. Various fundraising activities such as the chocolate drive/dinner dance.
- Mothers and Fathers Day Stall Group. Making gifts for and organising a stall for these important events.
- Mowing Group. Mowing of school grounds.
- Office Assistance Group. Offer assistance at the various offices at the College.
- Watering Group. Watering of school grounds and gardens.
- Welfare Group. Providing lunch to parents who work at the working bees.
- Yard Duty Group. Supervision of children in the playground.
- Parent Support Groups.

It is the responsibility of all families at the College to complete their 12 hours\* each term. This can be done by contacting the various workgroup co-ordinators and assisting any of the above listed groups.

A list of co-ordinators will be provided on enrolment.

Request for assistance are also published in the weekly newsletter (Whispers).

The Family Involvement Program is a serious commitment and is as much a part of enrolment as paying the school fees. Please consider this commitment carefully before enrolling your child at Overnewton Anglican Community College.

