MALANDA STATE HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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COMMUNICATION

Effective communication is an exchange between parents and carers, communities and schools that involves information sharing and opportunities to learn about each other.

- Vocational Partnership Group – provide counselling services to students & parents
- Malanda SHS & Primary School Newsletters
- Malanda SHS & Primary School Facebook Pages
- Malanda SHS Website
- Group Emails – whole school, year levels & individual subjects (teachers send relevant specific information and updates)
- Local Newspapers – Eacham Times & Tablelander
- FNQ TAFE – Malanda SHS School Council – representatives on Council feedback to staff, students, & parents
- Various Local Community Groups:
  - Tree Kangaroo Group, Tablelands Wildlife Rescue – students involved with research & activities
  - Yungaburra Village Artists – support for Arts events program
  - Ngadgonjii and Choorechillum Aboriginal Corporations – support student activities
  - Lions Club of Malanda – Staff representative at meetings & support for student activities
  - Malanda Beef Group – sponsorship for excursions and guest speakers at places visited
  - Malanda Theatre Company – supporting performance events & drama students on excursions
**LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS**

Partnerships between parents and carers, communities and schools that promote student learning and high expectations for student success.

- Guest speakers from various local and regional groups partnering with teachers
  - Lions Club of Malanda
  - Cairns Business Liaison Association
  - Rotary Club of Malanda
  - Australian Defence Force
  - James Cook University
  - Vocational Partnership Group
  - TAFE – 3day/2day program, Discover My Future Program, provide Certificate pathways
  - RACQ – Learn to Drive Programs & education around car ownership & insurance.
  - Local Police Officers
- Multiple local businesses providing apprenticeships, traineeships & work experience to students in the senior years
- Blueprint – providing Cert II Hospitality partnered with Paradise Palms providing work placement
- Malanda Agricultural Society – Cattle Handling & Judging School Program
- Malanda Beef Group – Dung Beetle Project
- Department of Agriculture & Fisheries – assistance to Agriculture Department programs
- Ngadjonii & Choorechillum Aboriginal Corporations – assisting and sharing knowledge with indigenous culture & activities
- Tablelands Youth Justice – Facilitating programs for various at risk student groups
- James Cook University – Young Diplomats Program, Young Language Ambassadors Program
- Malanda State School – Yr 6 & Yr 10 Science Activities & Excursions, Japanese Student visit, Yr 11 Science Extension Science student visit, Tree Kangaroo Student project
- Millaa Millaa SS – Yr 11 Science Extension visit
- Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre – Maths Camp, Fantasy Writing Camp
- Griffith University – Science Live STEM Program
- TREAT & National Parks & Wildlife – supply native plants for grounds and technical advice. Yr 10 Geography Excursion
- CSDE / MLTAQ – Annual Languages Speaking Competition
- Mt Uncle Distillery – Year 11 E-Commerce Business Studies
- Mungalli Dairy – Year 11 Geography Field Study
- Terrain NRM – Geography Learning Partnership
- Malanda Falls Information Centre / Indigenous Guided Tour – Year 10 Geography Excursion
- Eacham Historical Society – Year 9 History Extension class & ongoing support & collaboration
COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Relationships with the school and wider community to strengthen the ability of schools and families to support student learning and development outcomes

- Malanda Dairy Centre – Health & Wellbeing sponsorship
- Malanda Theatre Company – supporting drama students across all year levels & collaboration for school productions
- Multiple local businesses supporting school Behaviour Level Program providing discounts & rewards to students, and sponsorship for sport and other extra curricula activities
- Multiple local businesses providing cash donations towards bursaries and prizes at annual Presentation Evening
- Tableland Regional Council – support students with bursaries and administration with ‘in kind’ support for functions
- Eacham Historical Society – Curricular support for student projects
- Malanda Show Committee – mutual collaboration for major community events
- Local bus companies – Support school with transport needs
- Malanda Agricultural Society – Cattle Handling & Judging School & MSHS Show Teams
- Njadjonjii Aboriginal Corporation – school art mural collaboration
- Eacham Community Help Organisation – sharing of community information regarding local youth concerns
- Yungaburra Village Artists – S.N.A.P & school Art Exhibition sponsorship
- Tableland Regional Gallery & Old Post Office Gallery – Provide space and sponsorship of Art Exhibitions
- Lions Clubs of Malanda, Millaa Millaa, & Yungaburra – sponsorship of students for STEM programs, staff representative at local meetings, Duck Race Fundraiser & Lions Youth of the Year Program
- Rotary Club of Malanda – Rostrum Youth Voice of the Year Program
- Local Primary schools – Yr 11 Science Extension partnerships
- Local community members – providing ‘in kind’ assistance with various small maintenances and upgrades to grounds and facilities.
DECISION MAKING
Parents, carers and community members play meaningful roles in school decision-making.

- School Council – as an Independent Public School our strategic direction as a school falls onto the responsibility of the School Council. The School Council membership is made up of staff, administration, parents and students.
- Student Council – A formal committee of student leaders contributing to the policies, rules and activities conducted in the school for the entire student cohort
- Parents & Citizens Association – Parents and citizens manage the uniform and Tuckshops as well as coordinate the fund raising venture for the school
PARTICIPATION

Parent, carer and community participation in student learning and the school community is acknowledged and valued

- Fun for a Cause – school group of students and parents who coordinate charity fundraising activities
- Student Council – A formal committee of student leaders contributing to the policies, rules and activities conducted in the school for the entire student cohort
- Ngadjonjii Aboriginal Corporation – Sharing of local history
- Malanda Beef Group – grants to Agriculture Department
- Department of Agriculture & Fisheries – Certificate courses and agricultural assistance
- Parent volunteers groups – Individuals who contribute to the practical elements of the curriculum and extra curricula activities (e.g. Home Economics, Tourism, Science & Biology, Physical Education & Japanese) by participating in and sharing lessons with students.
- Parent / Teacher Interviews
- Meet & Greet – Parent introduction opportunity
- Arts Performances – school and community based
- Art Exhibition – SNAP – Tablelands Secondary Schools Visual Art Work
- School Musical – Facilitated every second year
- Art Club – school group of students and teachers engaging in community minded activities. E.g. – made artwork for Malanda Show Ball, made backdrop for Disabilities performance
- Hospitality students serve and assist at Show Ball
- Business Trade Show – parents and business people support students in their projects.
- Glen McGrath Foundation Pink Stumps Day – community event to raise funds for charity
- International study tours – welcoming students into our homes whilst visiting our school and community