

# 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