

## **PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT**

*COGSO along with the Australian, State and Territory governments want all young Australians to have the best education possible. Research shows that when schools, families and the community work in partnership, students get better outcomes from their education.*

Family-School Partnership Framework uses seven key dimensions to explain how school communities can strengthen engagement with families and community to improve student learning outcomes:

- 1. Communicating**
- 2. Connecting learning at home and at school**
  - 3. Building community and identity**
  - 4. Recognising the role of the family**
  - 5. Consultative decision making**
  - 6. Collaborating beyond the school**
  - 7. Participating**

Underpinning principles;

1. All families and schools want the best for their children
2. All children have the right to the opportunity to reach their full potential
3. Families are the first and continuing educators of their children
4. Effective schools provide a nurturing and supportive learning environment
5. Families and schools value quality teaching and respect teachers professional expertise
6. Families and school value the diversity of families and use this as a resource for building partnerships and communities
7. Family-school partnerships are based on mutual responsibility, respect and trust
8. Leadership is critical to building, maintaining and renewing partnerships
9. Family-school partnerships improve student motivation and learning
10. Family-school partnerships strengthen the connections between schools and their communities
11. Partnerships can involve all organisations that support families and schools

**WHAT'S HAPPENING TO STRENGTHEN FAMILY AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT IN YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY?**