

# Advancing Partnerships

## Parent and Community Engagement



### What is parent engagement?

A meaningful relationship between the parent/carer and teachers with the goal of better learning and wellbeing outcomes for the student. Parent engagement goes beyond 'parent involvement' at school. Parent engagement directly benefits a child's learning at school and at home.



### What is the role of the community?

Sustainable relationships with the local community, including child and health services, community organisations, education and training providers, local businesses and industry may be used to leverage experiences, support, intellectual and physical resources not available within the school to improve students' learning and wellbeing outcomes.

## The Parent and Community Engagement Framework

Schools that continue to renew, strengthen and innovate their approach to engaging with parents and the broader community are rewarded with improved school community cohesion, student achievement and job satisfaction for staff. This framework prompts schools to reflect on their current practice, suggests strategies for engagement, and assists in ensuring school approaches align with the National School Improvement Tool.



**94%**  
of Queensland state school parents say school staff are approachable

**92%**  
of Queensland state school parents say their school works with them to support their child's learning

**92%**  
of Queensland state school parents say their school encourages them to take an active role in their child's learning

**What did the parents at your school say?**

**Around 85% of a child's time is spent outside school.**

Each year, a child spends



**If done well, parent engagement could add the equivalent of 2 or 3 extra years schooling for a child. (Hattie, 2008)**