



Onslow School

Partnership Commitment Statement

2023 - 2024

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The overall aim of Onslow School is to achieve the best possible learning and development outcomes for all students. As a way of achieving the greatest possible change within Onslow School and the community it is vital that effective partnerships are formed with other organisations.

The partner organisations will contribute to the collective statement by -

- Embracing a shared vision to achieve the best possible learning and development outcomes for all students
- Collaborating and the fostering of opportunities to work together on issues of mutual benefit or concern
- Building on each other's strengths
- Sharing information to build expertise and skills for each partner
- Respecting each partner's autonomy and responsibilities, while recognising that true partnership may require change, innovation, and risk
- Collaborating on decisions by one partner that will impact upon the other
- Celebrating success, addressing challenges; and acknowledging the contributions for outcomes achieved
- Sharing leadership in the partnership

This Partnership Commitment Statement (PCS) outlines the framework of a working relationship between the parties. It is not intended to constitute a contract but is built on goodwill, and binding in honour only.

By working together as partners, we will see the mutual benefits and added value that each of us can bring to address this concern/fulfill this commitment.

This PCS confirms the principles of all partners working together recognising the specific roles and responsibility of each party.



Waalitj
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PARTNER COMMITMENTS

ONSLOW SCHOOL

- Seek support from partners to provide incentives for positive student attendance and behaviour
- Collaborate with Waalitj Foundation to engage with families and community members to build positive familial connections that will support children to engage in education and positive self-development
- Appoint staff to join Waalitj Foundation on bus route to collect students 1 - 2 times per week
- Collaborate with Swans in supporting programs for children and youth to positively engage in their community and in education, as well as supporting them to develop healthy and active lifestyles
- Partner with Waalitj Foundation and Swans Onslow to investigate alternative education models and support
- Consult with Waalitj Foundation about Aboriginal education, particularly on-country learning
- Collaborate with the Shire of Ashburton in providing a cohesive approach to the adoption of a Youth Strategy within Onslow Community
- Establish a communication protocol between partners

SHIRE OF ASHBURTON

- Engage with Onslow School regarding the development and implementation of the Shire's Youth Engagement Strategy
- Coordination of a community events calendar
- Continue to facilitate and engage a coordinate approach to community events, eg What's On Onslow monthly meeting
- Identify and seek funding sources that may be of benefit to Onslow School, its students, staff and families
- Promote and support cultural events of relevance to Onslow School, its students, staff and families
- Identify opportunities for students to gain exposure to local government through interaction with Shire of Ashburton



SWANS ONSLOW

- Maintain after school activities in consultation with Onslow School e.g., homework club
- Maintain attendance incentives for students to engage in education
- Link Swans Onslow activities with the school programs
- Provide ongoing opportunities for Onslow School students to engage in 'work' and training
- Develop an agreed approach to creating the youth centre as an off-site learning venue
- Support and assist with school-based activities/events, where possible
- Coordination of sporting clinics within the community/school
- Coordinate Early Years Network

WAALITJ FOUNDATION

- Link families and school through family support
- Maintain attendance incentives for students to engage in education
- Provision of programs for secondary students supporting them to develop healthy and active lifestyles
- Lead targeted education programs, including Deadly Sistas Girlz
- Provide resources for identified students, eg lunches
- Consult with Onslow School about On Country learning
- Student workshops/training, e.g., first aid training, Deadly Thinking Program
- Support and assist with school-based events, where possible

COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT

All partners commit to:


- Participate in meetings, forums and events around key issues and themes as opportunities present.
- Identify lead agency to coordinate events
- Understand decision making process and alignment to system/organisation operational procedures where required
- Work constructively and collaboratively in program development and planning, innovation and evaluation
- Endorsement of partners programs/ activities
- Build strong connections between Onslow School, the community sector and a local level in a consistent and positive manner
- Engage in cooperative and meaningful consultation
- Ensure that specific contracts, arrangements, policies, and plans entered into or carried out by the partners are consistent with the Community Partnership Statement.
- Share training and development opportunities and resources in areas of mutual interest, where possible




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