

# Communication Policy

## Vision Statement:

The purpose of Pacific Hills Christian School is to provide a Christian educational community as a centre of teaching and learning excellence, founded on Biblically-based beliefs, values and behaviour.

## Rationale:

In order to ensure a strong Christian educational community it is vital to have effective communication both within the community and between the community and external bodies in order to ensure it develops and maintains strong relationships. Human relationships are strengthened when there is open, honest and effective communication. The School needs to communicate effectively to its staff, students, parents and the wider community.

To be a Christian educational community is to relate as God relates, within our teaching and learning enterprises. In part, this means that we are to communicate as He communicates within Himself and to us. The hallmark of His Trinitarian communication is openness, humility, and submission to the Father's will. The hallmark of His communication to us is graciousness, which can be considered as His willingness to engage in discourse with us, even when we don't deserve it. The policy below seeks to address both features, and to encourage it amongst its parent, staff and student members.

## Values and Mission Goals:

***In personal Christian life:*** Goals (d) and (e) which relate to relationships with God and partnership with the body of Christ.

***In the process of Christian education:*** Goals (a), (b), (c), (d) which relate to communicating effectively in the process of educating Christianly.

***In Christian community life:*** Goals (a), (c), (d), (f) and (g) which relate to the development of effective community life.

***In striving for excellence:*** Goal (b) which relates to training students in work habits including effective communication which will lead to excellence.

## Policy:

The School will foster a gracious, open and timely communication amongst students, staff, parents and the wider community.

## Related Policies:

- Information Technology
- Excellence
- Teaching & Learning

## Principles:

- Effective communication enhances healthy relationships.
- The School's commitment to a partnership between home, school and church requires effective and timely communication.
- The School has a priority to communicate with parents in a timely, open and appropriate way.
- Any communication within or beyond the School will have as its hallmark honesty, integrity and consideration of others.