Inclusive Education Sub-committee message

Welcome to the 2021 school year at the [name of school]

The P&C of the [school] has an Inclusive Education Sub-committee which is focussed on ensuring all children and families feel welcome at the school. Inclusion involves the whole school community so we'd like you all to be aware of this sub-committee and its goals.

The Inclusive Education sub-committee was started in [year] with the following aims:

- Raise awareness of inclusive education practices and principles and the benefits it provides to the whole school population.
- Work with the school to enhance the school's capacity to educate children with disabilities or other barriers to inclusion.
- Provide a support network to parents/carers of children with disabilities or other barriers to inclusion.

What is inclusive education

Inclusive education, as defined by Department of Education's strategy, means that all students, regardless of disability, ethnicity, socio-economic status, nationality, language, gender, sexual orientation or faith, can access and fully participate in learning, alongside their similar aged peers, supported by reasonable adjustments and teaching strategies tailored to meet their individual needs.

- We share inclusive education experiences and best practice between families at the school
- We get advice and information from groups such as <u>Family Advocacy</u> who provide support to families of children with disabilities and other challenges to inclusion in school
- We stay informed regarding resources, initiatives and policies of the Dept of Education that relate to inclusion of all children in schools

What's happening at the [school]?

In recent years we have seen the school rapidly expanding its capabilities in inclusive education through recruitment and training of staff, accessing specialist help from the Department of Education, and forming effective partnerships with families to support children requiring tailored teaching approaches.

"The [name of school] is committed to best practice in inclusive education so that ALL children in our community can achieve their full potential" [replace with quote from your school's Principal]

Who should get involved?

The sub-committee is focused on helping children with potential barriers to inclusion in education but everyone in the broader school community has a role to play in ensuring the [school] is inclusive. As such, everybody is welcome and encouraged to participate.

How to get involved?

The sub-committee provides updates and a chance to meet its members at P&C meetings. You are also welcome to contact us at any time if you would like support, or you are able to offer help to others.

Who to Contact

[Contact details]