



PARTNERSHIPS WITH PARENTS

Education is a team effort and is always enhanced when parents and teachers work together.

At Queensland Academy for Science Mathematics and Technology (QASMT) we are committed to building strong partnerships between school and home, as we know these partnerships are essential to student success. We communicate with parents regularly in a number of ways.

Throughout the year, our staff regularly host Parent Information Evenings to keep our parents informed of curriculum matters, school events and other important information such as the International Baccalaureate (IB), study skills, leadership opportunities, camps and wellbeing. Parent Teacher Interviews are held twice per year.

All parents receive the school newsletter, as well as other important communication via email. Two major newsletters are sent per term. In the first week of term, parents receive the Term Ahead and at the end of the term, the Term in Review. These newsletters are authored by the leadership team, Heads of Department, House Deans and other key staff about learning and other activities. In addition, a brief newsletter with important upcoming dates is emailed home fortnightly. Staff are always willing to meet with parents or caregivers to discuss student progress and any concerns. A reason that parents choose QASMT, is because the IB curriculum offers a

thorough preparation for university.

“At QASMT (both of our children) have greatly extended their knowledge and capabilities and thrived within the IB framework. We are convinced that the structure, breadth of studies and transparent nature of assessment in the IB has prepared them well for transition to tertiary education.”

-QASMT Parent

The IB is also appreciated by parents for encouraging reflection and community-mindedness.

“The requirement to complete creativity, activity and service (CAS) as part of the IB encourages students’ involvement outside the normal academic field and creates a feeling of belonging in the school and insights for the communities around them.”

- QASMT Parent

Given the unpredictability of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were heartened with the many QASMT parents who took the time to thank us for our management of learning at home. They praised our Academy for adapting rapidly, and for being so dedicated to ensuring the smooth continuation of student learning in an online environment. Our staff were also acknowledged for focussing on developing a supportive ‘culture’ for our ‘virtual school’, where along with parents, the Academy was watchful of a student’s social and emotional

wellbeing, while academic learning was taking place from the home.

“I cannot express my gratitude enough to the school and the hardworking principal for leading the way and managing this unprecedented crisis exceptionally. Thank you to the amazing teachers. We owe you so much. Thank you for taking our children into your care and educating them, being patient with them and doing what you do!”

- QASMT Parent

“Sending my child to QASMT has been like sending them to one of Brisbane’s most elite schools without the ‘elite’ fees. I love that I’m now able to afford to give my child more educational opportunities outside the curriculum like the USA STEM Tour and fun experiences like the Perisher Ski Trip.”

- QASMT Parent