

HHA commitment to family engagement

At HHA, we acknowledge and accept that the individual/s that create a family for the children and young people we support are all unique. We acknowledge that families are fluid and changeable and may or may not be inclusive of individual/s that are; biologically related, living within the same household or recognized legally. We allow the children and young people we support to inform our staff of their unique family structure. We are inclusive and focus on establishing a safe and welcoming environment for all families.

At HHA, we believe families have an important role to play in strengthening, monitoring and promoting child safety and wellbeing at our school and helping our children and young people raise any concerns.

We encourage families to participate and provide support in the education and wellbeing journey of their child. We promote for families to attend their child's individual termly Welcome Back Meetings to engage in the development, implementation and review of their child's Individual Education Plan and set goals. We also support families to remain in regular contact with their child's classroom team to ensure conversations are taking place around their child's engagement, progress, wellbeing concerns and child safety (where appropriate).

At HHA, we openly communicate with families around programs, events and our school plans through our school newsletters, social media account and website. Further to this, we are committed to providing families with accessible information about our school's policies and practices, especially those linked to child safety.

We promote and create opportunities for families to build connection with our school, have input into the development and review of our policies and practices (including child safety), provide feedback and raise any concerns and ideas. One formal method we adopt out our school, is seeking formal feedback through our parent survey.

We are committed to having key staff lead family engagement at our school to further strengthen our connection with and participation from our families.