



5 principles of effective family engagement

- 1 Engagement activities should be planned to move beyond involvement to genuine engagement
- 2 Teachers and parents as partners in the child's education
- 3 Recognises families have rich funds of knowledge that can support their child's learning derived from lived experiences, culture, faith, language
- 4 Good relationships are key to successful family engagement
- 5 Family engagement activities must be intentional, inclusive and aim to empower parents and families to support their child's learning and wellbeing





Strategies to enhance inclusion for diverse families

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Effective communication

- Avoid jargon- keep language simple
- Multimodal communication- apps, newsletters, sms
- Active listening
- Utilise translators and interpreter services to ensure
- Make the intentions of the event or program clear

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Make it family friendly!

- Organise childminding or activities for the kids so parents can engage
- Find out what time best suits the families in your community
- Have family friendly spaces- community hubs, Yarning rooms, women's only spaces etc

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Provide Hospitality

- Provide culturally appropriate food and snacks to make people feel welcome and seen (halal, vegetarian etc)
- Many families like to share their cultural foods too

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Upskill and empower

- Provide opportunities to upskill and empower parents- literacy, numeracy, work skills or parenting workshops are just the start!

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Create a warm and welcoming environment

- A warm and friendly school environment can help diverse families feel included
- Representation of diversity in books, SRE, resources, flags or diverse staff can also create cultural safety and belonging