



**EMMAUS**  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CANBERRA

General Policy 3-4  
*Parent Involvement  
Programme (PIP)*

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# Vision/Purpose

Emmaus exists to partner with parents, in providing a Christ-centred, Biblically-grounded and academically-rigorous education, which enables students to grow in wisdom and character, to the glory of God.

## Values

### 1. Caring for Others

At Emmaus, we value, care for and respect each other because we are all made in the image of God. We partner with parents to care for and develop the whole person—body, soul and spirit. We foster a sense of belonging, celebrate one another's achievements and choose to be grateful for our school and each other. We are a community that learns in a fun, creative, encouraging and generous environment.

### 2. Striving for Mastery

At Emmaus, we encourage students to strive for excellence in all aspects of life: in study, work, and in relationships with God and with people. We believe God equips every person with gifts and abilities. We seek to instill in our students a strong desire to apply their utmost to what they do, an attribute that will long outlive their school years. Students are encouraged to master and apply academic and life skills in order to make the most of their opportunities in later life. Our goal is to equip students with the necessary skills and understanding to make wise and Godly choices, and to live resilient, fulfilled, and productive lives.

### 3. Equipping for Service

At Emmaus, our motivation for service is the love that Christ has shown us: his life of servant leadership is the example we seek to follow. Staff at Emmaus model integrity, accountability and the value of excellence in our work. We strive to equip students with both the desire and the skills to make a difference in the lives of others. We aim to grow students who are rich in Godly wisdom and noble character, and find their security in the love of Christ.

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## Purpose

Emmaus was established by a group of parents and continues to encourage parents to be involved with their child's education and school life generally, as this benefits the student as well as the school. We are a small school and need our parents to help us keep our running costs at a reasonable level. This involvement is formalised through our Parent Involvement Programme (PIP). PIP is designed to encourage all parents to offer practical assistance to the school in a variety of areas.

## The Policy

Preschool families are asked to volunteer a total of 10 hours during the year. Parents are welcome to do more hours than this.

Primary and Secondary School families are asked to volunteer a total of 25 hours during the year, roughly 6 hours per term.

Parents may provide voluntary work at the school in a range of areas that fall into either of 2 categories:

1. Non-student related – such as after-hours and weekend cleaning, book covering, laundering, fetching orders from suppliers etc... and
2. Student related – any activity where the parent has direct contact with students. This may include helping in a classroom or at a school carnival, or providing a car and driving students to an event. Parents wishing to assist in this way must have a current Working With Vulnerable People registration and may provide such service to the class of their own child only, unless invited by the relevant teacher and subject to the discretion of the Principal to serve in a different class.

These hours need to be carried out within the required needs of the school. Please note certain activities have conditions as noted on the website.

Each time a family volunteers time, their effort is credited at an hourly rate. While we would prefer you to serve, if you are unable to serve these hours; a parent may choose to simply pay equivalent monies in at the start of the year and not do any practical work at the school. Their money will then be used to pay someone to do work for the school as needed. Towards the end of November, parents will be invoiced any outstanding PIP hours at \$50 per hour.

## Related Emmaus Christian School Policies

- Fee Policy

## References

Nil

## Associated Forms

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