Our Lady of SION College
Strategic Directions

Partnerships

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What are the benefits of School Partnerships?

- Maximises student engagement
- Improves academic outcomes
- Enhances social wellbeing
- Broadens vocational options and skills
- Professional development of teachers
- Enhances community & business outcomes
Who could the College form partnerships with?

• Parents
• Community groups
• Businesses
• Government
• Educational institutions
What structures are critical for effective partnerships?

• Family – School action team to plan, implement and evaluate partnerships

• Awareness of barriers to partnerships and the ability & resilience to resolve issues

• Flexible engagement processes that accommodate community circumstances
Strategies for forming partnerships?

• Establish effective two-way communication between school and home
• Initiatives around links between learning at home & school
• Build a sense of community through the school
• Recognise the role of the family
• Foster family involvement in consultative decision-making
• Interact with wider community
• Promote the participation of families & volunteers
• Identify parental interests and occupations for community and business partnerships
Summary / Implications

- Where effective partnerships exit there are valuable benefits to all partners
- Partnership strategies need to be tailored and maintained
- Requires strategic planning with constant collaboration to ensure partnership goals remain clear and attainable