



**Assumption Secondary School**  
**Home School Community**  
**Liaison Scheme (HSCL)**

## Home School Community Liaison



### Our Mission Statement

*We endeavour to educate young women in an inclusive, caring, Christian atmosphere of respect for self, others and the environment. We value freedom, equality and security and strive to promote the growth of positive thinking, self-worth and justice.*

### Promoting Links in Our Community.

The Home School Community Liaison Scheme is one of many programmes operating in our school, to enhance participation and learning outcomes for our students. The scheme works co-operatively with other programmes in school and in the community to ensure the best possible outcomes for students and families in our school community.

### Our aims:

1. Promoting partnership between Homes and School for the betterment of education of pupils.
2. Encouraging parents to continually be an active participant in their daughter's Secondary Education.
3. Develop ways to involve parents in the school & wider community.
4. Bring information & support families to enable them to better support their own children in school.
5. Work closely with other branches of TUSLA, EWO & SCP.
6. Liaise and support other agencies & clubs that work with our students.
7. Develop & maintain relationships with our primary schools in our area.

### Strategies to achieve our aims:

1. Establish & maintain a HSCL Room to welcome parents into our school.
2. Home Visits to support & Share information with the families.
3. Regular and positive communication between school & parents, via coffee mornings, calls & texts, information days etc.
4. Discussion with parents on issues impacting on their daughter's education.
5. Organise courses and classes for parents in the school.
6. Network with other agencies and schemes that work with our students.
7. Encourage parents to attend parent teacher meetings annually.

8. Encourage parents to be involved in school life; Parents Association, BOM etc.
9. Meet regularly with EWO, SCP & Care Team to help promote good attendance and inclusion in school.
10. Support Principal & Deputy Principal in understanding family backgrounds of our “at risk” students & to adopt a measured approach to managing these needs.
11. Communication with Principal, Deputy Principal and Year Heads to share (relevant) information to support our students & support each other’s work.
12. Regular meetings with other local HSCL’s to evaluate needs in the community and for incoming students.

### **Who is involved:**

The whole school community.

### **Resources Required:**

1. DEIS funding.
2. HSCL Room.
3. Community Agencies.
4. Support of Staff
5. Relevant Training programmes.

### **Role of Co-ordinator:**

1. Support parents in supporting their children through school via Home Visits, information sharing & any other support needed.
2. Encourage parents to stay involved in their children’s education while in secondary school by encouraging them to get involved in school life.
3. Manage HSCL Room where parents are encouraged to visit & seek support from coordinator and other parents, and to take part in courses, classes & excursions organised for them through HSCL.
4. Liaise with school personnel to share information that will help them best support students.
5. Network with voluntary and statutory agencies in the community to better support the families we all work with.
6. Work co-operatively with SCP & EWO to ensure best possible outcomes for students and families in our school community.
7. Work with parents, school personnel, community agencies to identify and address issues that impinge on student learning by meeting regularly in Local D12 meetings.
8. Work to create a Partnership between home and school/community, by listening to and consulting with the educational partners in matters that involve them.
9. Liaise with parents to improve attendance and punctuality thus improving the educational outcome for students.

### **HSCL Room:**

1. Available Monday – Wednesday inclusive.
2. SRC and prefect meeting space Thursday and Friday (Regulations for room use determined by school and Student Voice Co-ordinator).

3. Parents attend meetings, courses and classes in the HSCL Room.
4. The HSCL Room is regarded as a place of “good practice”. This means that we behave in a way that is respectful to all and that is good example to our students.
5. Parents using the room are encouraged;
  - To listen and support one another.
  - To avoid discussing individual children, parents and teachers.
  - To be patient with others.
  - To avoid using bad language.
  - To respect differences.

**This policy was approved by the Board of Management of Assumption Secondary  
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