

SCHOOL SERVICE POLICY

POLICY:

A desired distinctive of Southern Highlands Christian School is the involvement of the parent body in the day-to-day activities and programs of the school. This policy enables all parents to be involved in the school which they have chosen for their children and fosters fellowship and community.

BIBLICAL BASIS:

In Ephesians 12: 4-6, the Scriptures remind us to join together to make a more complete and united body - "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us."

EXPANDED POLICY STATEMENT:

By the obligation of School Service, the policy will foster a pride in the programs, activities and appearance of the school, will positively contribute to maintenance and upkeep, and will reduce the financial costs that some areas would otherwise incur.

Each family in the school shall, as a condition of their enrolment, contribute to the operation of the school by School Service hours. The School Service requirement is 8 hours per single parent family and 16 hours per two parent family, regardless of the number of children in the family.

Families not fulfilling the requirements would be expected to contribute \$100 per 8 hour day.

DEFINITIONS:

School Service: Practical ways in which parents express their desire to be involved in the school that they have chosen for their children.

PROCEDURES:

School Service hours can be attained in a myriad of ways – maintenance, gardening, reading groups, D&T and library assistance, photocopying, science groups, SHIP, office duties, canteen, Working Bees, etc.

Working Bees count as double service hours and incorporate fellowship time such as a barbeque. Other self-contained maintenance type projects will be advertised through the Chalkboard, these being able to be performed at any convenient time.

A register is to be provided in the office area for parents to record their school service hours.

REPORTING:

Families enrolling in the school shall be informed of their School Service commitment at the time of enrolment interview. The school community should be regularly made aware of their obligations, and the opportunities to fulfill those obligations through the school newsletter.

The School Service register shall be used as the basis for an obligation reminder/invoice.

The Principal and Board shall be informed of the success of the School Service Policy at the conclusion of each school year by the Business Manager.

REFERENCE:

APPENDICES:

This Policy is available in the Public Domain