



Home-school partnerships

Effective home-school partnerships are strongly correlated with improved student outcomes

The benefits include: A more positive school climate and better social and academic outcomes

Home-school partnerships are characterised by:

- Relationships based on mutual trust and respect
- Two-way communication between home and school
- Equitable power-sharing rather than schools holding all the power

To build strong home-school partnerships:

Teachers can:

- Communicate openly and honestly with parents and whānau
 - Be available and interested
- Share decision-making with parents and whānau

School leadership can:

- Create a culture of participation in the school
 - Emphasise collaborative practices
- Provide time and practical resources for developing partnerships

Families can:

- Communicate positively and effectively with teachers
- Provide supportive learning environments at home
- Encourage and praise their children's efforts and academic goals