



Community Partnerships

2012 – 2015

WESS has long history of building sustainable partnerships with the local community.

- Objective for the 2012-2015 SSP
 - “To develop sustainable partnerships to enhance curriculum opportunities, student engagement and community involvement.”

Friends of WESS

In 2014, WESS formally established the Friends of WESS.

- Recognition of those businesses, organisations, and individuals who contribute to the success of events and programs at WESS.

Friends of WESS

Our partnerships broadly fall into three categories:

- 1) Curriculum focused
- 2) Student engagement
- 3) Community and business



Curriculum Partners

2012 - 2015



Curriculum Focussed Partners

WESS has nurtured relationships with our curriculum partners to improve our evidence based teaching approaches through:

- Improved teaching methodology
- Improved curriculum content
- Trialling new methods of teaching and learning

Curriculum Focussed Partners

- University of Queensland
 - Sport's Science Skill Development Course
 - Science C2C Units
 - Feedback 4 Learning Research Program
- Qld Curriculum Assessment Authority
 - Trialling Early childhood curriculum
- Brisbane School of Distance Education
 - Multi media Wakkakirri Club project

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Queensland University
of Technology

Ongoing partnerships with QUT to improve teaching methodology and reporting.

- Mentoring
- Improvements to student outcomes.
- Foster culture of teacher feedback.
- Improvements to how we collate data.



WESS and QUT project planning meeting

CURRICULUM PARTNERS

Queensland University of Technology

- PoLT
- Guided Reading



Student Engagement

2012 - 2015



Student Engagement Partners

Our student engagement partners have broadened opportunities for our students to experience science, arts, and multi-media.

- Trial new school and public programs
- Exposure to science and arts outside of curriculum.
- Extra-curricula activities to enhance student learning.

Student Engagement Partners

- GOMA / State Library / Queensland Museum
 - WESS students trial holiday programs
 - Participate in program launches
- Brisbane State High School
 - Transitions Program for Year 7 to 8
 - Science Spark Expo



The Australian Business & Community Network (ABCN) connected the school with Fuji Xerox in 2009.

Transition Program

- Each year, up to 20 year 6/7 students attend the 8 session program.
- Fuji Xerox staff facilitate group work that covers goal setting, creative thinking, problem solving, communication & time management.

City Cluster (DET)

The City Cluster of Inner City State Schools and Colleges work together to provide extra-curricular programs for our students.

Other schools in the cluster:

- Kelvin Grove State College

City Cluster (DET)

- Indigenous Students Writing Project
- Gifted Enrichment Mentors (GEMs)
 - High achievers
 - Mini achievers
- City Conference



Community Engagement

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Chinese Consulate of Brisbane

PAYCE®

Community Partners

Our business and organisation partners have contributed cash and in-kind sponsorship towards the school programs.

- Funded new programs
- Provided equipment and resources
- Funding towards events

Community Partners

- Avid Reader
 - Provided prizes for our competitions
 - Initiated Parent Book Club
- Chinese Consulate of Brisbane
 - Provision of their Chinese lanterns and performer for our annual Art Show
 - Facilitated links to Chinese Language School



In addition to providing mentoring and facilitation, Fuji Xerox have provided sponsorship.

- Donation of Uniforms for Junior Choir
- Donation of printing services to the School
 - Tuckshop menus
 - Fiesta posters
 - Art Show posters and Invites
 - Art Show student art cards



PAYCE are a relatively new partnership with WESS and have been active in the School's multi-media program.

- Sponsorship of the 2015 Multi media program.
 - Allowing the purchase of 5 new digital SLR cameras for use by the Photography Club.
- Donation of prizes for the inaugural Photography Competition.



Community Partnerships Strategy

2012 - 2015

Community Partnerships - Strategy and Governance

Partnerships at WESS are prioritised, monitored and formalised through:

- School Council
- WESS Parents and Citizens Association
- Community Partnership's Officer

Community Partnerships Officer

- Role summary
- Ensuring DET guidelines met



Green, Green Grass Project

2014 - 2018

Summary on GGGP