

Sharing school facilities with the community

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Opportunities for school councils to share school facilities

There are many opportunities for school councils and communities to work together and share school facilities. Examples include:

- using school premises for community events and meeting spaces
- opening school facilities up for use as community recreation facilities
- providing information technology centres for community use
- sharing libraries or resource centres, performing arts spaces and/or sporting facilities
- Developing ongoing partnerships with local community groups

School councils can pursue these opportunities with a number of community partners including:

- community organisations
- not-for-profit organisations
- sport and recreation providers
- local councils
- other early childhood, education and training providers

School councils could host a forum or discussion to engage community members or organisations about how the facilities could be shared. This would provide options that suit local community needs whilst satisfying the Commonwealth Government's reporting requirements.

Uses of school facilities that are not allowed

Schools councils should not permit their facilities to be used for activities that interfere with student learning or are against the ethos of the school. This includes activities that:

- infringe on the delivery of school programs
- might bring the school into disrepute
- are likely to cause damage or risk to students, school buildings or property
- create excessive noise or pose a nuisance to nearby residents
- involve the use of firearms
- are illegal

Consultation with local councils

When exploring opportunities for community use of school facilities school councils should check with the local council to see if they can align activities with the council priorities identified in their Community Health & Wellbeing Plan; Municipal Early Years Plan, Council's Recreation and Community Engagement Strategy or Youth Strategy.



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