All Saints’ College provides a unique learning environment where the size of the school enables each child to be valued and included. Having small class sizes also gives the teacher and parents the opportunity to work together. For a child, successful learning at school cannot be achieved just by the interactions of a child and their teacher. Parents have to be an integral part of the process and be there to support their child throughout the challenges and successes that one encounters during their school life.

Learning for children is a three way process and can be more successfully achieved when the teacher, student and parents are all striving for the same outcome. One of the best ways to find out about your child’s progress at school, to meet your child’s friends and to see how they are developing in their sporting skills is to get involved in their school life. Parents can volunteer to help with morning reading before school, they can help with coaching a sporting team, they can spend time every day listening to their child read at home, and they can assist their child with their homework. The list of opportunities for parents to be part of their child’s school life is endless. Having a close connection with your child’s school life would eliminate any surprises that parents could encounter in a school report. I would expect parents would have a sound understanding of how well their child reads, how well they can think mathematically and how well they can play their musical instrument just by being involved in their education. All of this sounds easy but the reality is that families are becoming busier and busier and time for parents to be involved is becoming more and more limited.

I would suggest that at a minimum parents take the time each day to ask their child about what they have learnt at school that day and to listen to them read. Also engage your children in conversation about what they are reading and why it is good (or bad) literature.

There are many ways for parents to become involved in their child’s schooling. I encourage all parents to be part of their child’s learning journey and to work alongside them and their teachers to give their child the best possible opportunity to achieve to their potential.

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An apple for the teacher
It’s really nothing new
Except when you remember parents are teachers too!