

# 7. Relationship between Presiding Member and Principal policy

## Outcome statement

The relationship between the Presiding Member and the Principal is based on trust, integrity and mutual respect.

## Scoping

A positive, productive working relationship between the Principal and the Presiding Member is both central and vital to the school.

The Presiding Member and Principal should act as sounding boards, both supporting and challenging, in order to hold the school to account for achieving the goals and targets that have been set.

The Presiding Member has no authority except that granted by the board. The Presiding Member does not act independently of the board.

## Delegations

*Board to enter any delegations.*

## Expectations and limitations

- The Presiding Member and Principal must work as a team, and there should be no surprises.
- The relationship must be professional.
- Each must be able to counsel the other on performance concerns.
- The Presiding Member supports the Principal and vice versa as appropriate.
- Each agrees not to undermine the other's authority.
- There is agreement to be honest with each other.
- Each agrees and accepts the need to follow policy and procedures.
- Neither party will deliberately hold back important information.
- Neither party will knowingly misinform the other.

## Procedures/supporting documentation

Annual Plan

Annual Budget

Charter

Concerns and complaints

Governance and Operational Policies

Process and Procedures doc

Professional Growth Cycle

Schoolwide Doc

Trustee Register

## Monitoring

*BOT Work Plan*

## Legislative compliance

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