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At Beeliar Primary School we recognise a child's education as a partnership between the school and families. Parents are encouraged to *work co-operatively* with the school and each other to achieve the best outcomes for their child.

When there is a dispute related to the Parental Responsibility of a Beeliar student that are unresolved the school requests that parents do the following:

- Provide the school with formal written information relevant to the custody or care of the student;
 - Court Orders: Court sealed and up to date
 - Family Violence Restraining Orders
 - Child Protection Family Support Documentation
- In the absence of formal court arrangements parents should provide the school with;
 - A signed Parenting Plan which indicates the care arrangements for the child in question
 - Written information that relates to a change in circumstances in relation to the care of a child including emergency contacts and Carer arrangements.
- Where there are no formal court documents, or informal arrangements in place parents should recognise that;
 - The school is not in a position to make a judgement regarding parental claims
 - The Principal has the right to act in what they believe to be the best interests of the child at all times
 - The parent with *primary care* of the child will be informed of requests made by other parties in relation to the child.

Beeliar Primary School is committed to working with both parties but should *not be considered a mediator or arbitrator of disputes*. The school commits to the following;

- Acting in the best interests of the child.
- Complying with Court orders and custodial arrangements (although it should be noted that these pertain to the parties listed rather than third parties such as schools).
- Ensuring that teachers and Administration Staff are aware of the implications of Court Orders and Parenting Agreements as it relates to
 - Custodial arrangements (pick-up, emergency contacts etc.)
 - Parental Responsibility
 - Information requests and sharing

- Maintaining and communicating appropriate sign-in and sign-out policies and procedures
- Conducting respectful communication with all parties and sharing relevant information with parents
- Entry to the school for all parties remains at the discretion of the Principal as contained in the Education Act.