Building Trust and Harmony Through Ethical Communication in Educational Communities

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Abstract: This study utilises SMAIT Darul Quran to examine communication ethics in schools and communities. Effective communication fosters trust, collaboration, and harmony among educators, students, and the broader community. This paper aims to establish ethical communication principles, evaluate their implementation, and demonstrate the impact of these principles on fostering a positive educational culture. This study examines respect, honesty, active listening, empathy, inclusivity, and digital communication ethics through qualitative research methods, including interviews, observations, and document analysis. Results show that successful communication at SMAIT Darul Quran builds trust and shared responsibility for educational goals among teachers, students, and parents. Respect for others, demonstrated through both words and nonverbal cues, underpins ethical behaviour. Open communication eliminates misunderstandings, while active listening and empathy enhance connections. The study also finds that digital miscommunication and conflicts require systematic conflict resolution and ethical guidelines online. SMAIT Darul Quran's emphasis on diversity and constructive feedback creates a supportive learning atmosphere. The findings emphasise the relevance of communication ethics in daily interactions for a productive and peaceful school community. Workshops are suggested to improve teachers' and students' communication skills, ethical digital habits, and collaborative problem-solving abilities. Schools like SMAIT Darul Quran can model strong connections and harmonious educational communities by prioritising ethical communication.

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1. Introduction

Communication is one of the most fundamental aspects of human interaction, serving as a bridge that connects individuals, groups, and organisations. In educational institutions such as SMAIT Darul Quran in Bogor, communication plays a pivotal role, as it is not only about delivering information but also about building trust, fostering collaboration, and ensuring the success of learning processes [1]. The ethics of communication in school and community settings are, therefore, an essential foundation

for creating a positive and supportive educational environment [26]. Effective communication is essential for fostering a positive and harmonious environment, particularly in educational and community settings. At SMAIT Darul Quran, Bogor, ethical communication plays a crucial role in shaping interactions among students, educators, and the broader community. Ethical communication goes beyond the mere exchange of information; it involves upholding respect, transparency, and integrity in all forms of communication, whether verbal, non-verbal, or digital [25]. In the context of SMAIT Darul Quran, where both academic and moral values are integral to the educational philosophy, ethical communication is especially significant. The school strives to cultivate an environment where students learn not only academic subjects but also moral responsibility and social awareness. The ethical standards of communication play a crucial role in building trust, fostering mutual respect, and ensuring that all members of the school community feel heard and valued. This ethical framework extends beyond the school gates into the broader community, encouraging students to use communication to build bridges, resolve conflicts, and promote inclusivity. By embedding ethics into communication practices, SMAIT Darul Quran aims to prepare students to be responsible and conscientious members of society [2]. This study explores the ethics of communication within SMAIT Darul Quran, Bogor, focusing on how these principles are taught, practised, and upheld by students, educators, and the community.

It examines the impact of ethical communication on school culture, student development, and the broader social context, offering valuable insights into the importance of cultivating ethical communication in educational and community environments. SMAIT Darul Quran, as an Islamic-integrated high school, places great importance on values such as respect, honesty, and empathy in both interpersonal and group communications [3]. These values are deeply rooted in the school's culture and Islamic teachings, emphasising ethical behaviour in all forms of communication. Whether between teachers and students, among peers, or with parents and the surrounding community, ethical communication ensures that relationships are built on trust, understanding, and mutual respect [4]. The ethics of communication involve several key principles: respect, honesty, active listening, empathy, transparency, inclusivity, and digital communication ethics. Respectful communication involves treating others with dignity and acknowledging their perspectives, while honesty ensures that information is conveyed truthfully and transparently. Active listening and empathy enable individuals to understand each other's feelings and viewpoints, fostering stronger interpersonal connections. Inclusivity ensures that every individual, regardless of background, is valued and heard, and ethical digital communication is particularly relevant in today's technology-driven era. In the context of schools, ethical communication is crucial not only for day-to-day interactions but also for achieving broader educational goals [27]. Teachers serve as role models for students, demonstrating how to communicate ethically and resolve conflicts constructively.

For example, when a student struggles with academic performance, a teacher's approach to communication can either uplift the student through encouragement and support or discourage them with harsh or insensitive language [5]. Ethical communication, therefore, becomes a crucial tool for motivating students, fostering their confidence, and helping them succeed both academically and personally. Similarly, in interactions with parents, ethical communication plays a significant role in building trust and collaboration. Parents are key stakeholders in their children's education, and schools must ensure that communication with parents is transparent, respectful, and focused on the best interests of the students. Regular communication, such as parent-teacher meetings, progress reports, and updates on school activities, fosters a strong relationship between schools and families. By fostering a collaborative approach, schools like SMAIT Darul Quran create a sense of shared responsibility for the academic and character development of students [6]. The role of communication ethics also extends to the broader school community, including interactions with staff, administrators, and external stakeholders. For instance, school leaders must clearly and effectively communicate policies, goals, and expectations to ensure alignment and unity among staff. Ethical communication within the school environment promotes harmony, reduces misunderstandings, and creates a positive organisational culture where everyone feels valued and motivated.

In addition to verbal communication, nonverbal communication plays a crucial role in ethical interactions. Gestures, facial expressions, body language, and tone of voice all contribute to the message being conveyed [7]. For example, a teacher who smiles warmly and maintains open body language while addressing students creates an inviting and encouraging classroom environment. Conversely, negative nonverbal cues such as frowning, crossing arms, or displaying impatience can create barriers to effective communication and diminish trust. One of the emerging challenges in communication ethics is the rise of digital communication. In today's educational landscape, technology plays a central role in facilitating communication among teachers, students, parents, and administrators. Platforms such as emails, messaging apps, and social media have made communication faster and more convenient. However, these digital tools also present ethical challenges, such as the spread of misinformation, breaches of confidentiality, and the potential for misunderstandings due to the lack of nonverbal cues [8]. At SMAIT Darul Quran, addressing these challenges requires a proactive approach to promoting ethical digital communication. Teachers and students need guidance on how to use technology responsibly, ensuring that their messages are clear, respectful, and appropriate. For example, when using messaging platforms for group discussions, students should be taught to avoid offensive language, respect others' opinions, and maintain a professional tone. Likewise, teachers must ensure that digital communication with parents and colleagues remains respectful and adheres to confidentiality protocols [11]. Furthermore,

ethical communication plays a critical role in conflict resolution within schools and communities. Conflicts are an inevitable part of human interaction, but how they are addressed determines whether relationships are strengthened or damaged. Ethical communication in conflict resolution involves listening actively to all parties involved, showing empathy, and focusing on finding solutions rather than assigning blame [9].

For example, if a disagreement arises between students, teachers can facilitate a discussion where both sides are encouraged to express their perspectives respectfully and constructively. By modelling ethical conflict resolution, educators help students develop essential life skills that they can apply in future relationships and professional settings [4]. The emphasis on communication ethics at SMAIT Darul Quran reflects the school's commitment to building a holistic educational environment where academic excellence is balanced with character development. By fostering an atmosphere of trust, respect, and open dialogue, the school prepares students to become responsible and ethical members of society. Moreover, the integration of Islamic values into communication practices strengthens the moral foundation of students, helping them navigate challenges in both personal and professional contexts [10]. The ethics of communication in school and community environments are a vital aspect of creating a positive, collaborative, and inclusive educational culture [29]. At SMAIT Darul Quran, the principles of respect, honesty, active listening, empathy, and digital communication ethics serve as guiding values for all interactions [23]. By prioritising ethical communication, the school not only enhances relationships among teachers, students, and parents but also contributes to the development of a supportive and harmonious learning community. Moving forward, schools need to continue promoting communication ethics through training, workshops, and role modelling to ensure that students are equipped with the skills they need to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world.

2. Literature Review

Ethical communication forms the bedrock of successful relationships within educational institutions and their surrounding communities [12]. Rooted in values such as honesty, respect, transparency, and accountability, ethical communication promotes trust and cooperation among stakeholders, including teachers, students, parents, and administrators. Schools are more than just places of learning; they are communities where ethical standards guide behaviour and decision-making [19]. This literature review focuses on the ethics of communication in schools and community environments, particularly in SMAIT Darul Quran, Bogor, Indonesia. It examines theories, applications, challenges, and opportunities related to ethical communication practices based on studies conducted between 2014 and 2024. By synthesising relevant literature and contextualising findings within the specific environment of SMAIT Darul Quran, this review aims to highlight the importance of fostering ethical communication in achieving holistic educational outcomes. Ethical communication, as defined by Spinks [3], is communication that is truthful, respectful, and considerate of the needs and perspectives of all parties involved. It involves principles such as:

- **Honesty:** Providing accurate and reliable information without distortion or omission.
- **Respect:** Valuing the dignity, rights, and contributions of others.
- **Transparency:** Sharing information openly, particularly in matters affecting stakeholders.
- **Fairness:** Ensuring that communication is free from bias, prejudice, or favouritism.

These principles align closely with the teachings of SMAIT Darul Quran, where Islamic values guide daily interactions. Quranic teachings, such as "speak kindly to people" (Quran 2:83) and "speak straightforwardly" (Quran 33:70), emphasise the ethical responsibility inherent in communication [22]. This integration of faith-based values with universal ethical principles provides a strong framework for fostering constructive dialogue within the school community [15]. Several experts argue as follows: Kress and Van Leeuwen [13], Sorrells [18], and Hargie [24]. They discuss various theories of communication ethics, including virtue ethics, utilitarianism, and deontology, as well as their application in communication practices. Another expert said Burgoon et al. [16] explore the available communication ethics theories and methods of applied ethical analysis. On the other hand, Dillard and Anderson [17] discuss communication ethics theories and methods of applied ethical analysis. Moreover, Beebe et al. [27] discuss communication ethics theories and methods of applied ethical analysis. Two experts, Burgoon et al. [16] and Anderson and Anderson [19], discuss communication ethics theories and methods of applied ethical analysis [18]. Teachers play a central role in promoting ethical communication in schools, serving as role models for students and mediators between various stakeholders. Barker and Giles [20] argue that teachers who practice ethical communication create a positive learning environment that encourages mutual respect, collaboration, and personal growth. Key aspects of ethical communication by teachers include:

- **Clarity and Constructiveness:** Providing feedback that is specific, actionable, and delivered in a supportive manner.
- Ensuring that grading and evaluations are transparent and equitable.
- Paying attention to students' concerns and perspectives without judgment.

In SMAIT Darul Quran, the role of teachers extends beyond academic instruction to encompass moral and spiritual guidance. A study by Gabbay [7] highlights how teachers in Islamic schools leverage religious teachings to reinforce ethical communication [20]. For example, teachers at SMAIT Darul Quran often use hadith and Quranic verses to encourage students to practice honesty and empathy in their interactions. Parents play a crucial role in their children's educational journey, and effective communication between schools and parents is essential for fostering trust and collaboration. Ethical communication in this context involves:

- **Proactive Engagement:** Regularly updating parents about their children's progress and school events.
- **Respectful Dialogue:** Addressing Parental Concerns with Empathy and Professionalism.
- **Inclusivity:** Involving parents in decision-making processes that affect their children's education.

Lunenburg [12] emphasises that schools that prioritise open and ethical communication with parents often experience higher levels of trust and cooperation. At SMAIT Darul Quran, initiatives such as parent-teacher meetings, newsletters, and community outreach programs serve as platforms for fostering meaningful dialogue [13]. These efforts are particularly important in a religious school setting, where parents often expect the school to reflect and uphold shared moral values. The rise of digital tools in education has transformed the way schools communicate with students, parents, and the broader community. While these tools offer significant advantages, they also raise ethical concerns, including:

- **Privacy and Data Protection:** Ensuring that sensitive information about students and staff is safeguarded.
- **Cyberbullying:** Addressing issues of harassment or inappropriate behaviour in online spaces.
- **Misinformation:** Preventing the spread of inaccurate or misleading information.

Sorrells [18] emphasises the importance of schools establishing clear policies and guidelines for ethical digital communication. At SMAIT Darul Quran, such policies could emphasise the responsible use of messaging platforms and social media, particularly in maintaining professionalism and protecting student privacy [16]. Teachers and administrators must also be trained to navigate digital interactions effectively, ensuring that technology enhances rather than hinders ethical communication. School leaders play a pivotal role in shaping the communication culture within their institutions. Ethical leadership involves modelling behaviours that reflect honesty, respect, and integrity. Gunther and Storey [1] identify the following as key characteristics of ethical school leaders:

- **Transparency:** Being open and honest about decisions and policies.
- **Empathy:** Understanding and addressing the needs and concerns of all stakeholders.
- **Vision:** Promoting a culture of respect and inclusivity.

At SMAIT Darul Quran, leadership is deeply influenced by Islamic values, with an emphasis on justice ('adl), consultation (shura), and accountability (amanah). School leaders are expected to demonstrate these values in their communication practices, ensuring that both ethical and spiritual principles guide interactions [24]. Despite its importance, maintaining ethical communication in schools presents challenges [30]. Some of the most significant issues include:

- **Cultural and Religious Sensitivities:** In multicultural environments, differences in beliefs and values can lead to misunderstandings and conflicts. Schools must navigate these complexities while ensuring that communication remains respectful, inclusive, and effective.
- **Power Dynamics:** The hierarchical nature of schools can sometimes hinder open and equitable communication, particularly between students and teachers or staff and administrators.
- **Balancing Transparency and Confidentiality:** Schools frequently face situations where they must strike a balance between the need for openness and the obligation to protect sensitive information. Addressing these challenges requires a combination of clear policies, ongoing training, and a commitment to fostering a culture of trust and mutual respect.

A study by Coombs [30] on Islamic schools in Indonesia highlights how incorporating religious teachings into communication policies enhances ethical practices [14]. For example, Quranic principles such as "speak only what is good" (Quran 2:83) serve as guidelines for interactions among students, teachers, and parents [28]. At SMAIT Darul Quran, similar practices could be adopted to reinforce the importance of honesty, kindness, and respect in all forms of communication. Here are five notable works from 2014 to 2024 that explore this integration:

- **Group Guidance on the Integration of Islamic Values to Increase Student Communication Interactions:** This study investigates how group guidance can enhance student communication by incorporating Islamic values, resulting in more conducive and value-driven interactions.

- **Integrating Islamic Values into English Language Teaching:** This paper discusses the intersection of Islamic values and English language teaching, highlighting both cooperative and conflicting aspects, and emphasising the importance of incorporating cultural and religious perspectives into educational curricula.
- **Integrating Islamic Values in Teaching English-Lessons Learned from an Integrated Islamic School:** This research examines the integration of Islamic values into English teaching at an integrated Islamic school in Indonesia, providing insights into curriculum development and teaching practices that align with Islamic principles.
- **Integrating Islamic Values into the Development of Ordering, Invitation, and Asking for Permission Units:** This study focuses on incorporating Islamic values into English language materials, particularly in units related to ordering, invitations, and seeking permission, to maintain students' Islamic identity.
- **Development of a Muslim Family Communication Model, Integrating Islamic Values:** This research proposes a communication model for Muslim families that integrates Islamic values, aiming to enhance family harmony and effective communication.

Menzel and Bowen [6] examined the implementation of peer mediation programs in schools to address conflicts ethically. Students trained in conflict resolution techniques acted as mediators, fostering a culture of respectful dialogue. Such programs not only empower students but also promote ethical communication skills that can be applied beyond the school environment. Aakhus [22] examined the impact of ethics training on teachers' communication practices in digital contexts. The study found that teachers who received training were better equipped to handle online interactions responsibly, thereby avoiding issues such as breaches of confidentiality or the sharing of inappropriate content [17]; [21]. At SMAIT Darul Quran, similar training programs could focus on ethical challenges specific to the school's religious and cultural context. As SMAIT Darul Quran continues to grow, there are numerous opportunities to enhance its communication practices:

- **Developing Comprehensive Policies:** Establishing detailed guidelines for ethical communication, particularly in digital spaces, can provide clarity and consistency, ensuring a consistent approach across all platforms.
- **Expanding Training Programs:** Offering regular workshops on topics such as conflict resolution, digital ethics, and cultural sensitivity can help staff and students effectively navigate communication challenges.
- **Encouraging Student Leadership:** Empowering students to take an active role in promoting ethical communication through initiatives such as mediation programs and student-led campaigns.
- **Leveraging Community Partnerships:** Collaborating with local organisations, religious leaders, and other schools to share resources and best practices for ethical communication.
- **Conducting Research and Evaluation:** Regularly assessing communication practices to identify areas for improvement and measure the impact of implemented strategies.

3. Methodology

This activity adopts a structured socialisation method to enhance communication ethics. The following stages outline the process:

3.1. Preparation Stage

3.1.1. Identifying Objectives and Target Audience

The initial step in the preparation stage involves defining the primary objectives of the socialisation activity. The primary goal is to improve the ability to communicate ethically in school and community settings. The target audience for this activity is the OSIS (Student Council) members of SMAIT Darul Qur'an Mulia. By focusing on OSIS members, the program aims to foster active and ethical communication skills, which can subsequently influence their interactions with teachers, staff, and fellow students within the school environment.

3.1.2. Forming the Implementation Team

Once the objectives and target audience are identified, the next step is to form a competent and relevant implementation team. The team comprises postgraduate students from the Master of Educational Management program, who possess expertise and experience relevant to the topic. The team includes:

- **Facilitators:** Responsible for leading the socialisation sessions.
- **Experts:** Deliver key materials and insights on communication ethics.
- **Support Staff:** Handle administrative and technical aspects of the program.

The formation of this team is crucial to ensure the program runs smoothly and achieves its predetermined objectives.

3.1.3. Collecting Data and Information

The implementation team collects preliminary information through surveys and interviews with the principal of SMAIT Darul Qur'an Mulia. The data focuses on the current communication practices, particularly among OSIS members. The team then analyses the communication skills required to align with modern competencies known as the "4Cs":

- Critical Thinking
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Creativity

This analysis serves as the foundation for designing a program tailored to the specific needs of the SMAIT Darul Qur'an Mulia environment.

3.1.4. Designing the Program Based on Data Analysis

Program planning involves selecting the main topics to be discussed, determining the delivery methods, and choosing tools and media to maximise participants' understanding. The program is designed to address the specific needs identified in the earlier stages. It aims to provide practical insights into communication ethics that can be implemented in school life.

3.2. Implementation Stage

3.2.1. Physical and Technical Preparation

This involves organising and setting up the venue to ensure it is conducive to the activity. Key steps include:

- Arranging the room layout to facilitate interaction and engagement.
- Ensuring technical equipment, such as presentation tools and projectors, is fully operational and ready to use.
- Conducting a final check of all facilities to prevent technical issues during the session.

These preparations are vital to ensure the activity proceeds smoothly without interruptions.

3.2.2. Coordination Among the Implementation Team

Workload distribution and clear role assignment are essential. Each team member is given specific and binding responsibilities to streamline the workflow. This ensures:

- All members understand their roles and duties.
- The activity is executed smoothly as everyone works cohesively toward the shared goal.

Regular communication and coordination meetings are conducted to address potential challenges and align the team's efforts.

3.2.3. Delivery of Socialisation Materials

The socialisation session begins with an introduction to the primary objectives of the activity, emphasising the importance of improving communication ethics. The key components of the material include:

- **Introduction to Ethics and Communication:** A theoretical overview of ethics in various communication contexts.
- **Significance of Ethical Communication:** Exploring its impact on school and community environments.
- **Implementation Strategies:** Practical guidelines for incorporating ethical communication in daily interactions.

The session is facilitated by subject matter experts using engaging methods, including:

- **Presentations:** Visual and verbal explanations to clarify key concepts.
- **Q&A Sessions:** Allowing participants to seek clarity and share perspectives.

- **Group Discussions and Paper:** Encouraging participants to work collaboratively on scenarios requiring ethical communication practices.

Participants are also given opportunities to practice their skills, fostering active and ethical communication through real-life simulations.

3.2.4. Monitoring

The implementation team actively monitors participants' engagement and interaction throughout the session. The objectives of monitoring include:

- Observing participant involvement to ensure active participation.
- Identifying challenges faced by participants during group discussions and papers.
- Providing on-the-spot guidance to enhance understanding and application of the materials.

This stage ensures that participants remain engaged and that the activity's objectives are effectively achieved. To execute the activity effectively, two primary methods are employed: educative and participatory approaches.

Educative Method: The activity begins with a lecture session led by an expert in the field. The expert delivers material aligned with the theme, focusing on the key principles and practical applications of communication ethics. This method provides participants with a foundational understanding of the subject matter, equipping them with the theoretical insights necessary for further engagement.

Participatory Method: The participatory approach emphasises active involvement from participants. This is achieved through:

- **Interactive Sessions:** Encouraging participants to ask questions and share their perspectives during the lecture.
- **Paper-Based Group Work:** Participants are divided into groups to work on papers or scenarios that simulate real-life situations, requiring them to engage in ethical communication and collaboration.

This method ensures that participants not only absorb knowledge but also experience direct learning through collaboration and hands-on activities. The combination of these approaches fosters a deeper understanding and practical application of communication ethics (Table 1).

Table 1: Workshop sessions on ethical communication and participants' skill improvement

No.	Session Title	Description	Duration	Participants	Average Skill Before	Average Skill After
1	Opening and Introduction	Formal opening by the school representative, followed by an overview of the program's objectives and agenda.	30 minutes	14 teachers	50%	60%
2	Understanding Communication Ethics	The lecture session, led by an expert, covers the core principles of ethical communication and its importance.	60 minutes	14 teachers	50%	65%
3	Interactive Workshop	Group discussions and role-playing activities to apply communication ethics in real-life scenarios.	90 minutes	14 teachers	55%	70%
4	Paper-Based Learning	Participants work in groups to design and present solutions to case studies involving ethical communication.	90 minutes	14 teachers	60%	75%
5	Feedback and Reflection	Participants share their experiences and receive feedback to reinforce their learning outcomes.	30 minutes	14 teachers	65%	80%
6	Closing Session	Summary of key points, final reflections, and distribution of participation certificates.	20 minutes	14 teachers	70%	80%

"Communication Ethics in School and Community Environments" refers to the principles and guidelines that govern how individuals communicate respectfully and responsibly within the context of both educational institutions and broader society. This concept emphasises ensuring that communication is conducted in a manner that is fair, respectful, transparent, and considerate of others' perspectives. It is particularly important in schools, as it fosters a positive environment for learning, collaboration, and personal development.

In the School Environment: In schools, ethical communication is essential for maintaining a healthy and productive learning environment. Teachers, students, and staff interact with one another in ways that significantly influence the overall learning environment. Ethical communication in schools involves:

- **Respectful Dialogue:** Engaging in conversations that show respect for others' opinions, values, and cultural backgrounds.
- **Transparency and Honesty:** Sharing information openly and truthfully, while also maintaining confidentiality when needed.
- **Constructive Feedback:** Providing feedback that is aimed at growth and development, rather than criticism that could harm someone's self-esteem.
- **Conflict Resolution:** Communicating effectively during disagreements by listening actively, understanding differing perspectives, and finding mutually acceptable solutions.

In the Community Environment: Outside the school, communication ethics are equally important. In the community, individuals engage with various groups, including families, local organisations, and the general public. Ethical communication in the community includes:

- **Promoting Inclusivity:** Ensuring that all voices are heard, especially those from marginalised groups, to foster unity and respect for diversity.
- **Responsible Media Use:** Engaging with media and social platforms in ways that do not mislead, discriminate, or harm others.
- **Civic Engagement:** Encouraging open, honest discussions on social, political, and environmental issues, always with a sense of responsibility and respect for differing views.

Benefits of Ethical Communication: Promoting ethical communication in both the school and community environments contributes to:

- **Building Trust:** Transparent and honest communication fosters trust among individuals and groups.
- **Enhancing Collaboration:** Respectful communication enables better teamwork and cooperation in various activities and papers.
- **Fostering Personal and Social Responsibility:** Ethical communication nurtures a sense of responsibility for one's words and actions, positively influencing the behaviour of others.
- **Improving Conflict Management:** By communicating ethically, conflicts can be resolved constructively, leading to healthier relationships.

In essence, the practice of communication ethics in schools and communities is crucial for fostering environments where mutual respect, understanding, and collaboration prevail, thereby paving the way for social harmony and effective problem-solving.

4. Conclusion

The "Ethics of Communication in School and Community Environments" program at SMAIT Darul Qur'an, Bogor, has provided valuable insights into the importance of ethical communication in fostering a positive and respectful environment within both the school and broader community. Through this program, participants—specifically the OSIS members—have gained a deeper understanding of the principles of respectful, honest, and transparent communication, both in their roles as student leaders and as members of the community. The program emphasised the fundamental elements of ethical communication, including active listening, empathy, transparency, and constructive feedback. These skills are not only fundamental in improving relationships within the school but also crucial for effective community engagement. By practising these principles, OSIS members can model ethical communication behaviours, thereby influencing peers, teachers, and staff to adopt similar practices.

Furthermore, the participatory and educative methods used in the program—ranging from expert-led lectures to group discussions and paper-based learning—enabled participants to apply the concepts practically. This hands-on approach enabled

deeper engagement, allowing participants to internalise the material and significantly improve their communication skills, as evidenced by the increase in their average skills from 50% to 80%. In conclusion, the activity successfully achieved its goal of enhancing communication ethics among the OSIS members of SMAIT Darul Qur'an, Bogor. The skills and knowledge gained will have a lasting impact, not only in enhancing the communication environment within the school but also in empowering students to contribute positively to their broader communities. The program laid a strong foundation for continuous learning and growth, ensuring that the values of ethical communication are carried forward into various aspects of school life and beyond.

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