

# St Mary's College

## *Fundraising Guidelines*



### **Rationale:**

The function of a Catholic school is worship, teaching and learning within the values, traditions and contemporary mission and vision of the Catholic Church. A focus on social justice provides an appropriate context to re-examine commitment to the Church's mission and identity. Social action and fundraising are opportunities for staff and students at St Mary's College to show concern and solidarity for social justice in our world.

### **Guidelines:**

This guideline is aligned with requirements around the supporting of Catholic organisations as suggested by the Archdiocese of Hobart and Tasmanian Catholic Education Office. Therefore, this guideline assists St Mary's College with our discernment of the requests for financial, physical and emotional support.

Our fundraising guideline is framed around Gospel values and a Presentation charism. As enunciated in Catholic Social Teaching (CST), and includes the concepts of wealth sharing and acts of solidarity.

At St Mary's College we seek to go one pace beyond, according to the principles underpinning CST:

- **Human Dignity:** we are called to protect the dignity of every person.
- **Community and the Common Good:** we are called to contribute to the good of the whole of society, the common good.
- **Rights and Responsibility:** we are called to defend the rights of all people to participate in decisions that affect their lives.
- **Preferential Option for the Poor:** we are called to look at decisions in terms of how they affect the poor. The moral test of a society is how it treats its most vulnerable members.
- **Solidarity:** we are called to work globally for justice. We are one human family. Our responsibilities to each other cross national, racial, economic and ideological differences.
- **Stewardship of Earth's Resources:** we are called to care for the goods of the earth as stewards and trustees, not only as consumers and users.

The organisations listed below, are those supported by St Mary's College which reflect our connection to the Presentation Sisters, the Archdiocese of Hobart and Tasmanian Catholic Education Office.

1. Nagle Foundation
2. Caritas Australia
3. Archbishop's Samaritan Fund
4. Catholic Missions
5. St Vincent de Paul



## **Nagle Foundation**

Nano Nagle had a dream to educate girls and boys, whatever their circumstances. Over the centuries, the Presentation Sisters have supported that dream, as we do today at St Mary's College. We create opportunities through our Nagle Foundation to help us fulfil this dream. Money raised by the Nagle Foundation goes towards our support of the Presentation missions in countries such as the Philippines and Papua New Guinea. Our Nagle Foundation runs from February to November 21st (Presentation Mass) each year.

## **Caritas Australia**

The international aid and development agency of the Catholic Church in Australia. Caritas Australia is part of one of the largest aid and development agencies in the world, working in over 200 countries. We particularly support as a whole College - Caritas Project Compassion held in Lent each year.

## **Archbishop's Samaritan Fund**

Archbishop Adrian Doyle established the Samaritan Projects Fund in 2002. The purpose is to assist families and individuals facing financial hardship to meet necessary expenses, to provide ongoing help to community based welfare organisations, and to enable a swift financial response in times of large scale community crisis. St Mary's College are requested to support this fund in August of each year.

## **Catholic Mission**

Known internationally as the Pontifical Mission Societies, is the mission aid agency of the Catholic Church. Active in over 160 countries, including remote and disadvantaged communities in Australia, it supports the pastoral outreach work of the Church in developing communities through its three Societies. The Archdiocese of Hobart guides Catholic schools and Colleges to support Catholic Mission in October, through different initiatives.

## **St Vincent de Paul Society**

SVDP assists thousands of Tasmanians in need, offering food or material assistance, friendship and support. At St Mary's College we support 'Vinnies' with our commitment to Louis Van and student led Vinnies groups that organised activities both outside and within St Mary's College.

## **Criteria for Discernment of Fundraising:**

1. The philosophy of the organisation is in accordance with Gospel values, Presentation values and Catholic Social Teaching (CST).



2. The involvement with the organisation will lead to a deeper understanding of, and education in, the social issues confronting our society. Does the fundraising activity assist students, staff and parents/guardians to develop their understanding of the mission of Jesus or charism of Nano Nagle?
3. The fundraising activities can be linked to our call as Catholic Christians to proclaim the Word of God, celebrate the sacraments and exercise the ministry of charity.
4. All K-12 fundraising and social justice activities must be submitted to and approved by the Director of Mission and Identity.

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