St Mary's College Fundraising Guidelines and Procedures

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1 Authority and application

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2 Purpose

The function of a Catholic school is 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.

These guidelines seek to provide clarity on the social action and fundraising opportunities provided at St Mary's College. The principles and procedures herein provide guidance for any new fundraising initiatives which any member of the College community might seek to undertake. Approval for any new initiatives will be granted based on these principles and procedures.

3 Principles

These guidelines are aligned with requirements around the support of Catholic organisations as suggested by the Archdiocesan of Hobart and Catholic Education Tasmania. Therefore, these guidelines assist St Mary's College with our discernment of the requests for financial, physical and emotional support.

Our fundraising guidelines are 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.

4 Procedures

Criteria for Discernment of Fundraising

All fundraising initiatives undertaken at St Mary's College are to be approved based on these criteria:

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.

5 Additional Information

Charities Supported by St Mary's College

The major charities supported by St Mary's College each year are as follows. These organisations reflect our connection to the Presentation Sisters, the Archdiocese of Hobart and Catholic Education Tasmania.

1. Presentation Missions
2. Caritas Australia
3. St Vincent de Paul
4. Catholic Missions

Presentation Missions

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. Money raised during the four House fundraising weeks goes towards our support of the Presentation Missions in countries such as the Philippines and Papua New Guinea. This fundraising takes place during Terms 2 and 3 with a cheque presented to the Presentation Sisters at our Presentation Liturgy on November 21st each year.

Caritas Australia

Caritas is 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. St Mary's College particularly support as a whole College - Caritas Project Compassion held in Term 1 during Lent each year.

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 organises activities both outside and within St Mary's College. SVDP is supported in Term 2 during the Vinnies Winter Appeal and in Term 4 during the Christmas Appeal.

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.

Other Minor Fundraising Initiatives:

Staff Charity

Each year, staff are invited to contribute a small portion of their fortnightly pay to go towards supporting the learning and/or wellbeing needs of St Mary's College students identified as being in need of financial support. This charity may pay for items like school books, excursion fees, uniform, competitions or other items which the identified student(s) could not otherwise be able to afford.

Sustainability Fair

The Sustainability Fair is a biennial event with the primary aim of raising awareness among the St Mary's College community of issues concerning our environment. The Sustainability Officer organises this event with the support of other staff and students. The fair includes stalls which sell sustainable items and food. Any money raised at the end of the event is donated to Catholic Earth Care (Caritas Australia).

Christmas Hampers

During Term 4, classes throughout the College bring in items to contribute towards the creation of Christmas hampers. These hampers are then donated to the charities of Annie Kenny Women's Shelter and St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Both these charities support families in need at Christmas time.

Relay for Life

The Relay for Life is a community event which supports those who have been affected by cancer. Each year the Year 10-12 students are given the opportunity to attend the Relay for Life and to raise money for cancer research and support of families affected by cancer.

Year 12 Charity

Each year the Year 12 Prefects, guided by the Deputy Principal, decide on a Year 12 Charity to support through their own fundraising initiatives. The Prefects also seek to raise awareness of their chosen charity through guest speakers and distributing information. The Year 12 charity is chosen with the Criteria for Discernment of Fundraising in mind.

Current Issues

Throughout each year, natural disasters or other issues in the world or our local community prompt a compassionate response from St Mary's College. Therefore, there may be additional fundraising events throughout the year if a particular need has been identified. This need must comply with the Criteria for Discernment of Fundraising and must be timed so as not to put undue burden on families.

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