NO 6

CHARITIES POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT
The College community is encouraged to respond favourably to a limited number of the many worthwhile requests from the wider community to assist in fund raising exercises. Preference is given to those charities which support those who are “on the margins” of our society.

DEFINITIONS
Fund Raising  various processes by which funds are generated to support charities.

Charities organisations which support the common good or those in need.

“On the margins” the Congregation of Christian Brothers use this term to mean those who are materially poor and are, as a result, pushed to the fringes of society.

RATIONALE
1. Support for those suffering from injustice in societies is a key plank of the Catholic Church’s social justice teaching.

2. As an educational institution, MacKillop Catholic College has an obligation to raise the awareness of students to the needs of others and to actively encourage them to reach out to those in need.

GUIDELINES
1. Priorities and procedures for fundraising activities will be decided upon by a representative group of the College community, under the leadership of the Director of Ministry with decisions being approved by the Principal and the Leadership Team.

2. Some issues to be taken into account will be:

   • Priority is given to Catholic Church sponsored activities directed to those suffering injustice;

   • Preference is given to those groups which do not have ready access to the secular community and Government funding.

   • Preference can be given to those appeals which are represented by students or families within the school community in special circumstances.

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Addendum to the Charities Police No 6

Priorities regarding Fundraising at MacKillop Catholic College

1. As a Catholic School, our priorities for fundraising are to support those who live on financial and social margins in our society. Please take the time to read the College Charities Police (attached). All staff employed at MacKillop Catholic College are required to follow the procedures around fundraising which means that all proposals must go through the set channels.

2. Extra-curricular groups we have within the school – various clubs, and groups travelling overseas, sporting teams etc are not charities unto themselves that can be fundraised for. Fundraising within the College is strictly for those “on the margins” of society – financial and social margins. Our in-school and external cultural and sporting groups are not in this category.

3. MacKillop Catholic College will consider, as the need arises, supporting fundraising initiatives for College members that may need assistance through ill health and support groups that support these members. We will not raise money for them individually, but will advertise and support their fundraising events – eg) BBQ at Bunnings; use of school facilities for a fundraising event etc.

4. Clubs and Overseas/Interstate Trips

Each curriculum-related club or trip attracts a levy or a fee. These types of experiences are funded by the student and their families. Robotics, trips to Japan and the Ski Trip are examples of these. It is generally expected that the families of students on these types of experiences pay for the trip and any discretionary expenses associated with that trip. These types of trips are not to be fundraised for among our student population.

5. Chocolate Fundraiser Boxes at the College

a) Among the staff, fundraiser boxes of chocolates and sweets are allowed to be sold in the staffroom area, as adults have a disposable income, and can reasonably calculate the health risks involved in continued consumption.

b) From 2014, among the student population, there will be a blanket ban on bringing in chocolate and lolly fundraisers to be sold at the College to support fundraising.

c) Our priority is to promote healthy eating habits among students with any fundraiser, which is made explicit in the College Healthy Eating Policy (31.3)

"Unhealthy and/or sugary foods (such as lollies) will not normally be used in the College" and “students will be encouraged to bring healthy food to school”

Chocolate fundraiser boxes are not healthy, and therefore cannot be an option of fundraising among the student population.

d) Our priority is to limit the opportunity of theft of both chocolates and fundraised money from chocolates. We cannot enable a culture of bullying and theft in the College.

e) Our priority is that students and parents are not to be asked for money all the time.

f) Our priority is that students are to be in classes learning, and not out on charity drives all the time.

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