



St Francis de Sales
COLLEGE

FUNDRAISING POLICY

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1. VISION STATEMENT

St Francis de Sales College aspires to be a leader in education serving the Adelaide Hills' community. Grounded in our Catholic values and in partnership with families, all community members are known and loved as an individual made in the image of God.

Providing a contemporary and inclusive education, relationship and engagement empowers students to be self-motivated creative and courageous learners.

Our students' growth mindset inspires them to achieve their personal best in all aspects of their school life and develops confident graduates eager to impact their local and global community.

2. OUR MISSION

"Be who you are and be that well" - St Francis de Sales

3. SCOPE AND PURPOSE

This policy applies to all fundraising activities undertaken in the College's name across the College community or with College community members. It is designed to provide guidance for response to requests for fundraising activities to be undertaken by or within the community.

4. GUIDELINES

Principles

This policy is based on a number of principles:

- concern for others and social justice are mechanisms for empowering individuals to take charge of their own lives and contribute to the society in which they live
- our Heart Values encourage the development of the individual by fostering a sense of their own worth, the value and dignity of human life, and of responsibility for, and service to, others.
- fundraising at St Francis de Sales College shall operate in harmony with the College's Vision and Mission statement.

Definitions

4.1 School-based fundraising

For the purpose of this policy, "school-based fundraising" refers to all fundraising activities initiated and conducted by school staff or sanctioned student groups, under the approval and supervision of the APRIM (Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission).

4.2 Catholic Community Fundraising

For the purpose of this policy, "Catholic Community fundraising" refers to all fundraising activities initiated and conducted by Catholic schools under the auspices of the Catholic Church, through the approval of the Principal.

4.3 Charity or Charitable Agency

For the purpose of this policy a "charity" or "charitable agency" is any organisation or institution engaged in non-profit assistance to persons in need, or such institutions established for the care of such individuals or groups.

5. RATIONALE

St Francis de Sales College will give priority to fundraising and other charitable works to the effective support of Catholic mission, justice and welfare agencies.

St Francis de Sales College will highlight a focus charity each term of a calendar year of which all fundraised money in that period will support.

Firstly, St Francis de Sales College commits every year to support:

- **Catholic Mission**, as the official mission aid agency of the Church. Information on projects supported by the generosity of Catholics in parishes and schools, and on various teaching programs and resources can be found on their website: www.catholicmission.org.au
- **Caritas Australia** is the Catholic agency for aid and development. It promotes sustainable development, responds to emergencies and urges Australians to take actions against structures that perpetuate poverty. Project Compassion is its Lenten appeal. In the event of a natural disaster, Caritas will also launch an appeal to provide life-saving supplies. caritas.org.au
- **St Vincent de Paul Society** is a lay Catholic organisation that works to combat social injustice and to assist people in need, particularly the homeless and those in extreme poverty. The College's FIA (Faith In Action) group is our expression of the local St Vincent de Paul Conference. Their major appeals each year are held in winter and at Christmas to provide resources and support to those most in need. vinnies.org.au

Secondly, having given priority to Catholic Mission, Caritas Australia and St Vincent de Paul, St Francis de Sales College endeavours to support advocacy, charitable works and social justice actions of Catholic communities with whom they share bonds of communion, such as:

- the local parish
- Diocesan agencies and appeals
- agencies, programs and initiatives established or sponsored by Religious Orders, especially those with whom the College has a direct or historical connection

Thirdly, fundraising may be approved by the College Principal, upon the recommendation of the APRIM:

- as an exception to support a community member or immediate family member experiencing extreme hardship
- by community bodies such as the Parent Community Group to resource a specific outcome desirable in the short term
- by families seeking to provide support to enable students to access school approved trips/events that align with the College's Vision and Mission, on condition that the support for the fundraising is not targeted at the broader College community.

6. GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR ADVOCACY, FUNDRAISING AND SOCIAL ACTION

Catholic schools are increasingly confronted with competing demands from charities and agencies working within and especially beyond the Church. The following principles should guide decision making in regard to St Francis de Sales College's involvement in advocacy, fundraising or other types of social action.

Catholic agencies are committed to these principles, according to their particular mission within the overall mission of the Church to the poor, suffering and marginalised.

St Francis de Sales College will not support a group if it is discerned that it does not comply with these principles.

6.1 Catholic teaching. *Is the philosophy of the organisation or cause in accord with the Gospel of Jesus and the teachings of the Catholic Church?*

Some organisations may support ethical positions that contradict the position of the Catholic Church or which do not receive endorsement from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

6.2 Transparency. *Is information about the organisation or cause freely available and clear about its mission, purpose and intentions?*

A responsible steward will know how donations or advocacy are specifically being used and what programs are being supported, and whether the program or processes are ethically sound.

6.3 Sustainability. *Does the organisation or cause intend to build sustainability within the communities where they are working?*

One-off charitable donations are appropriate in certain circumstances, however it may be more effective to support programs that will be ongoing long after the initial funding has ceased.

6.4 Accountability. *Are the accounts and annual reports of the organisation or cause freely available and responsibly administered?*

Catholic agencies have a tradition of ensuring very low running costs whilst some other organisations have unreasonably high administration costs which means that less support will reach the people most in need.

6.5 Altruism. *Does the organisation or cause inspire a genuine spirit of generosity?*

Donors need to be encouraged to give without expecting personal reward. Undue emphasis should not be placed on giving prizes or a commission, as the goal of charity and solidarity is not personal gain.

6.6 Empowerment. *Does the organisation or cause promote community projects that empower local people in decision making and implementation?*

Caution should be taken over projects that may place individuals at odds with their community, or which adopt a patronising attitude that does not respect self-determination and subsidiarity.

- 6.7 Other means of support.** *Does the organisation or cause receive widespread community or government support that gives them a financial advantage over lesser known bodies?*
- 6.8 Holistic.** *Does the organisation or cause simply fundraise or does it also promote education and the formation of people?*
A holistic approach to service and education for social change can make a greater difference than simply giving a donation. The greater goal should always be to create sustainable change.
- 6.9 Religious freedom.** *Does the organisation or cause use development and aid projects as a means to converting recipients into a particular faith tradition?*
Conversion must always be freely sought and not connected to material gain. The provision of charity and welfare conditional upon faith conversion breaches human dignity.

7. FUNDRAISING APPLICATION PROCESS

Members of the St Francis de Sales College community, including students, staff or parents, are required to complete a Fundraising Application Form (Appendix A) which will be reviewed by the APRIM to ensure it aligns with the policy statement, before approval is given or denied based on the guidelines in this policy.

Fundraising Application Form



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Please complete the following form and click

when finished.

Contact Details

Name of person submitting form: Date of application:
Email address: Mobile:

Fundraising Activity Proposal

I have read and understand the College's Fundraising Policy and understand the content. I agree to conduct activity in accordance with these guidelines.

Activity name:
Activity location:
Proposed date of activity: Proposed timeframe:

Please outline the nature of the proposed activity:

Approximate anticipated profit: \$

Is the activity led by (please select one):

Pastoral Home Class House Individual Other (please explain below)

Is the activity likely to be (please select one):

Repeated One-off

Please specify the charity/organisation which the funds will support:

Is there an ongoing commitment to this charity/organisation? Yes No

Other information:

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date submission received:

Date approved: