



St Peter's College

Cranbourne

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"I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full"
Jn 10:10

Introduction

Catholic schooling repeatedly emphasises the need for an education philosophy built on the foundation of a Catholic understanding of the human person. "The person of each individual human being is at the heart of Christ's teaching: this is why the promotion of the human person is the goal of the Catholic school". The Catholic school is committed to the education of the whole person since in Jesus Christ all human values find their fulfilment and unity: "herein lies the specific Catholic character of the school". Christ is "the centre and fulcrum of the entire enterprise" and "the standard and measure of a school's Catholicity".

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 Peter's College to show concern and solidarity for social justice in our world.

Policy Guidelines

This policy is aligned with requirements around the supporting of Catholic organisations as suggested by Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited (DOSCEL). Therefore, this policy assists St Peter's College with our discernment of the requests for financial, physical and emotional support.

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

At St Peter's College we seek to go one step 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 Peter's College which reflect our connection to our Catholic community and Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited.

1. **Caritas (Term 1)**
2. **Trinity Family Foundation (Term 2)**
3. **St Vincent de Paul (Term 3)**
4. **House Charism based (Term 4)**
5. **Chaplaincy Fund (ongoing)**
6. **Solomon Island Immersion Program (ongoing)**

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.

<http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion>

Trinity Family Foundation

Trinity Families is the name of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sale Charitable Fund. Trinity Families is a charity which operates to provide funding for service providers who support families in the Gippsland and outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

<http://www.trinityfamilies.org.au/>

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP)

SVDP assists thousands of Victorians in need, offering food or material assistance, friendship and support. At St Peter's College we support 'Vinnies' with our commitment to Vinnies groups both outside and within the St Peter's College community.

<https://www.vinnies.org.au/>

House Charism

Charities or initiatives connected with a House charism. Houses will create initiatives deriving from Year Level Retreat days and other opportunities.

E.g. MacKillop House – Mary MacKillop Foundation.

Chaplaincy Fund

A fund to enable St Peter's College to respond with speed and certainty to help our community in times of special need. An example could be to support a student who cannot afford access to a particular item(s) or to a particular group with needs in our community.

Bishop Epalle School – Honiara, Solomon Islands

St Peter's College has an ongoing annual commitment to support, through awareness raising and fund-raising the support of the Bishop Epalle School in Honiara, Solomon Islands. The monies raised go to support the provision of resources at the school.

Criteria for Discernment of Fundraising:

1. The philosophy of the organisation is in accordance with Gospel values, Petrine 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 St Peter?
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 Years 7-12 fundraising and social justice activities must be submitted to and approved by the Deputy Principal: Catholic Identity and Mission.

APPROVAL & REVIEW DETAILS

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