

St Pius Fundraising Guidelines

Introduction

As a Catholic school, St Pius Banyo engages in fundraising activities for purposes associated with resourcing the school itself and for outside bodies and groups. As part of the mission of the church, the school engages in social action and social justice activities which are both educative for the school community and practical in their outcomes.

Guidelines

Brisbane Catholic Education requires all schools to support Caritas Australia (Project Compassion in particular), Catholic Mission (Children's Mission Day in particular) and the St Vincent de Paul Society, the appeals of which are timed so as not to conflict with each other during the school calendar. It is also desirable that support for appeals that assist Centacare (the welfare arm of the Archdiocese of Brisbane) be promoted whenever possible.

All funds raised for a particular organisation or purpose must be given to that organisation or purpose. They cannot be diverted to another purpose after they are raised.

Before committing to the support of other agencies, it is necessary to make an assessment based on the following criteria (as stated in the BCE Fundraising Policy):

- Is the philosophy of the organisation in accord with gospel values and Catholic Social Teaching?
- Is the organisation associated with the Catholic Church and its ethos? If not, is there a Catholic organisation engaged in similar activity that could be supported?
- Does the activity lend itself to an educational focus eg
 - does it assist students to participate in and understand the Mission of Jesus and the Church
 - are there high quality educational resources to support the activity which promote students' understanding of poverty and marginalisation?
 - is the fundraising undertaken in a context of spirituality and prayer?
 - is the organisation accountable for its use of funds including administration costs?
 - does the organisation tie the use of funds to religious or political affiliation or purposes?
 - are those involved in the decision-making and administrative processes aware of the aims, background and authenticity of those receiving their donations?

The BCE Fundraising Policy states that preference in fundraising should always be given to official agencies of the Catholic Church.

Other Fundraising

St Pius has the discretion to nominate particular outside organisations of significant importance to the school community, so long as they are assessed using the aforementioned criteria and consideration given to what educational learning will be derived from the initiative. Examples of such fundraising undertaken by St Pius include a Crazy Hair Day that raised funds for the Leukemia Foundation, and a fizzy drink drive and school disco to support a Laidley Catholic School adversely affected by the 2011 floods.

In such exceptional circumstances, members of the school community who are desirous of undertaking additional fundraising activities for the purpose of school resourcing and/or raising awareness for a cause aligned with the vision of the school, must seek the permission of the Principal.

Such initiatives would be assessed on their individual merits, with any approval or disapproval not to be inferred as a precedent for subsequent decision-making processes. Members of the school community wishing to pursue such a fundraising activity, are to make an appointment at the school office to meet with the Principal, or alternatively can commence discussion via a written submission detailing their proposal.

P and F Levy, Fundraising and Social Events

The P and F Levy

The inclusion of the P and F Levy was introduced into the St Pius fee structure in 2008, following extensive consultation with relevant key stakeholders, including the BCE Council and the School Pastoral Board. The P and F Levy is still part of the fee structure as it is at the majority of schools within Brisbane Catholic Education.

The aim of the P and F Levy is to provide a base level of financial support, so they are able to purchase new school resources and support the educational needs of the students at St Pius, Banyo.

P and F Fundraising

In addition to this levy, the P and F will organise and promote additional fundraising ventures within the community throughout the year. This allows more money to be generated and in turn more educational resources purchased for the benefit of the students and their education.

It must be stressed that all fundraising undertaken by the P and F is not compulsory and families have a choice in whether they choose to participate or not. Consideration is also given to families who may want to participate, but cannot necessarily afford too.

Social Events

During the year, the P and F will organise a number of social events specifically aimed at building community, not fundraising. These include events such as Welcome Back BBQ, Mother's Day Breakfast, Father's Day Disco and various craft stalls.