

# **Fundraising**

Purpose

To provide parents/carers and other members of our school community with an overview of Grovedale West Primary School's approach to fundraising.

### **Policy**

Fundraising is an important way for Grovedale West Primary School to raise money so that it can deliver additional learning opportunities, programs for students, and improve school amenities. The focus at all times has the student at the centre.

School staff, student and members of the school community may want to undertake fundraising activities for Grovedale West Primary School. In supporting student agency and voice and in providing authentic learning experience, opportunities may be provided for students to engage in the organisation and planning and evaluation of fundraising activities.

Fundraising is a function of the School Council and Council must approve all fundraising events or activities on behalf of our school.

At the beginning of each school year, the School Council will approve any fundraising events or activities for the upcoming year.

In deciding whether or not to approve particular fundraising events or activities, the school council will act in accordance with legal requirements, any relevant Department of Education and Training policy or guideline, and the Department's *Finance Manual for Victorian Government Schools*.

The School Council will provide an overview of what School Council has approved fundraising to be targeted to for the associated school year early in the school year.

Consideration is given to:

- The impact on parent payments of essential educational items
- Impact on the educational program
- Available support
- Environmental sustainability
- Health and Wellbeing
- Finance
- Security
- Fundraising methods
- Hiring of events and equipment
- Cultural awareness
- Legalities
- Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Control
- Consumer Affairs serving of Alcohol
- Ethical requirements
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Conflict of Interest

Families are welcome to provide fundraising ideas directly to the school via email or through a letter to the school addressed to Fundraising and Events Sub-Committee. All suggestions

will be considered although not all may be approved. School Council also receives requests for fundraising from external organisation or groups and selects one charity per year to support.

All money raised through fundraising, unless legally otherwise provided for, will be held on trust by the School Council for the general or particular purpose for which it was raised. The School Council approve how all fundraising funds are used.

#### **Fundraising for Charitable Causes**

Grovedale West Primary School, through the School Council, may also decide to fundraise for charitable causes. The School Council will decide on one priority charity for the school to fundraise for each year. In deciding whether or not to fundraise for a particular charitable cause, School Council may:

- Consider whether the methods used to raise funds for any specific charitable appeal are appropriate
- Seek written advice from organizations promoting fundraising activities on the percentage of funds raised that are directed to the named charity

### **Community engagement**

The School Council calls upon the support of the school community to assist in the running of fundraising activities and events. This will ensure that all members of the school community will have the opportunity to feel welcome to support their school and to actively engage in events.

## Review cycle

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