



Fundraising Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the administration office.

Purpose

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

Policy

Fundraising is an important way for Aitken Creek Primary School to raise money so that it can deliver additional learning opportunities and programs for students.

School staff and members of the school community may want to undertake fundraising activities for Aitken Creek Primary School.

Aitken Creek Primary School encourages all members of our school community to be involved in fundraising initiatives and school council welcomes all proposals for fundraising.

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. If it is necessary during the year, the School Council may approve additional fundraising events or activities.

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*.

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.

Fundraising for Charitable Causes

Aitken Creek Primary School, through the School Council, may also decide to fundraise for charitable causes. 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 organisations promoting fundraising activities on the percentage of funds raised that are directed to the named charity

Student Fundraising

As students develop their awareness of social responsibility and build their knowledge of the world around them, we encourage students to develop ideas relating to fundraising on three levels:

- Local fundraising - where students develop ideas for fundraising activities that could improve facilities and opportunities at Aitken Creek Primary School
- Community fundraising - where students develop ideas for fundraising activities that respond to the needs of our local community
- Global fundraising - where students develop ideas for fundraising activities that respond to global concerns

Students at Aitken Creek Primary School investigate local, community and global issues through a range of formal and informal platforms including Challenge Based Learning, Student Voice and Action Teams and Class Community Meetings.

Communication

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

Further information and resources

- the Department's Policy and Advisory Library: [Fundraising Activities \(including fetes\)](#)
- [Finance Manual – Financial Management for Schools](#)
- [Fundraising Act 1998](#)

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