



BLACKFRIARS
PRIORY SCHOOL

FUNDRAISING AND SPONSORSHIP POLICY

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CONTEXT

As the only school founded by the Dominican Friars in Australia, Blackfriars Priory School remains faithful to the search for Truth (Veritas) as lived and taught over the last 800 years by the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), and exemplified by Saint Dominic, our Founder, and Saint Albert the Great, our Patron.

Saint Dominic's commitment to study continued throughout his life. The pursuit of knowledge was not for its own sake but to better understand God's creation and its use in the works of the Order has continued through the centuries. Today, Dominicans can be found throughout the world.

An early member of the Dominicans was Saint Albert the Great. He became a lecturer, scientist, philosopher and Bishop. After his death he was recognised as a Doctor of the Church. The Doctor Universalis – The Universal Doctor, in recognition of his extraordinary genius and extensive knowledge, for he studied every branch of learning known at his time. His quest for knowledge saw him study everything he could find as it was through learning about creation, that he was able to know more about the creator, God, and then hand on that information to all he taught.

The lifelong commitment of Saint Dominic and Saint Albert to discovering and applying Truth to hand on to others remains at the core of the Blackfriars teaching pedagogy and its community. Blackfriars is built upon the Four Pillars of Dominican Life: Prayer, Study, Community Life and Service.

PURPOSE

At Blackfriars Priory School, we participate in the Church's mission "to bring Good News to the Poor" (Luke 4:18) forming Students' minds, hearts and consciences and encouraging members of our community to develop their faith as a platform for action.

Blackfriars Priory School, in the tradition of the Dominican Friars, participates in fundraising and charity activities as part of the mission of the Church. We acknowledge that the Catholic Church is not the only organisation involved in social justice and charity. We recognise that there are many groups outside the Church who do excellent work in response to causes. Our focus for fundraising and justice initiatives is given to official agencies of the Catholic Church, those sponsored by the Dominican Friars and associated imperatives.

The School operates fundraising activities in harmony with purposes associated with enhancing the resourcing of the School itself.

The School values Parents/caregivers as partners in their child's education. The School values the assistance Parents/caregivers offer to the School and is mindful of the financial obligations families may face.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all members of the Blackfriars Priory School community.

POLICY

Guiding Principles

1. This policy is based on the principles of the Four Pillars of Prayer, Study, Community and Service, with associated activities both educative and practical in outcomes.
2. The directive from the Archdiocese of Adelaide is that Catholic Schools support Catholic based charities and Catholic not-for-profit events first. This principle underpins our fundraising activities and is congruent with the values inherent in the School's vision and mission statements.
3. Fundraising will occur in an organised and logical way, having considered the other demands on the community and in accordance with School Guidelines.
4. It is expected that the School will support:
 - a. Lenten Term: Caritas Australia (Project Compassion)
 - b. Trinity Term: St Vincent de Paul
 - c. Assumption Term: Work of the Dominican Friars and Hutt Street's Walk-a-Mile Campaign
 - d. Advent Term: The St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal and The Catholic Charities Appeal
5. In addition to the abovementioned charities, the School will, following Religious Identity and Mission (RIM) approval, support the following Catholic charities **(Additional Catholic Charities)**:
 - a. Emergency responses provided by approved Catholic aid agencies (e.g. St Vinnies in response to a flood)
 - b. National Action Days that support Catholic agencies (e.g. Catherine House for White Ribbon)
6. No matter what priorities the School Community sets, there will always be a need to respond to emergency appeals as they arise.
7. The School will also support activities that contribute to the Catholic spiritual formation of Students, which support the Catholic Identity of the School **(Catholic Spiritual Formation)**:
 - a. Catholic Immersions and Catholic Pilgrimages (e.g. World Youth Day, Vietnam Dominican Pilgrimage)
 - b. Catholic Spiritual Development, Identity and Culture (e.g. Ignite Conference, ACYF)
8. Fundraising for Additional Catholic Charities and Catholic Spiritual Formation must be sought through an application to the RIM Team and approval given by the Principal. Application and approval can be granted via email through the RIM@pbs.sa.edu.au address.
9. Fundraising will occur in an organised and logical way, having considered the other demands on the community.
10. Students are made aware of School guidelines in the planning of events under the direction of the supervising Teacher.

Fundraising Guidelines for Implementation

Consideration should be given to:

- The Four Pillars of Prayer, Study, Community and Service
- Other commitments of the School and all calendar events
- Communication between organising Teacher, Parent bodies and School Board (as appropriate)
- Financial burdens on Parents/caregivers and community
- Ample time for approval process
- If any fundraising involves the service of alcohol, the Liquor Licensing Act must be adhered to in accordance with the approved licence type
- Funds raised for a particular organisation or purpose must be given to that organisation or purpose
- If funds raised for a Catholic Spiritual Formation experience event are insufficient, participating Students are expected to cover the remaining cost
- If the Catholic Spiritual Formation experience event does not proceed, funds that were raised are to remain in a pool for use in another approved Catholic Spiritual Formation experience. Any excessive funds will also be pooled for use in another Catholic Spiritual Formation experience.

Procedure for Approval of Additional Fundraising Opportunities

*NOTE: For Catholic Spiritual Formation Experiences, this approval is limited only for fundraising purposes and not the approval of the experience, which requires approval under the **Travel Policy**.*

1. Complete the Application for Additional Fundraising form and submit to the RIM Team via rim@bps.sa.edu.au for approval by the Principal. Include rationale, dates, costs, staffing and other relevant information.
2. Once approved, the event is placed in the school calendar.
3. If activity involves the sale of food (e.g. sausage sizzle) the Canteen must be informed at least one week prior to the event and be in line with the guidelines of Thank God for Friday.
4. Any funds raised must be accounted for with transactions and expenses transparent, intention clear, and School approval. All transactions must go through the Finance Office.

RELATED DOCUMENTS/LINKS

1. Travel Policy
2. Application for Additional Fundraising form

POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

Responsibility for implementation, monitoring and review of the policy is vested at the level of the following roles:

Executive Team

POLICY REVIEW

Frequency: Every 2 years

Next review date: August 2022

APPROVAL AUTHORITY / POLICY OWNER

Blackfriars Priory School