

FUNDRAISING POLICY



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PURPOSE

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

SCOPE

This policy applies to all fund-raising events at the school.

POLICY

Fundraising is a function of the school council and council must approve all fundraising events or activities on behalf of our school. Fundraising is an important way for Seaholme Primary School to raise money so that it can deliver additional learning opportunities, programs for students, and improve school amenities.

School staff, members of the school community or the Fundraising subcommittee of the school council may want to undertake fundraising activities for Seaholme Primary School. Seaholme Primary School encourages all members of our school community to be involved in fundraising initiatives where applicable and school council welcomes all proposals for fundraising.

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.

- In accordance with Regulation 8.19 of the Education Regulations 1988, School Council may raise funds for school purposes by conducting local efforts or amusements
- All fund-raising events must have appropriate internal control mechanisms
- School Council will have a Fund-Raising sub-committee with a core responsibility of conducting fund raising activities and a Finance sub-committee which will have responsibilities including providing advice and recommendations to school council in relation to voluntary contributions, sponsorships and donations
- School Council must approve all fundraising activities planned to be conducted by the Fund-Raising sub-committee.
- School Council will seek voluntary contributions (money, goods etc) from parents in accordance with departmental requirements and expectations
- School Council has the potential to hire school facilities to outside bodies when the facilities are not required for school purposes and also have the responsibility to establish the terms and conditions of use. Such agreements may have insurance implications
- Appropriate sponsorships and partnerships will be sought from industry and commerce so long as they benefit the school, have educational value, and do not involve associations with undesirable products, services or companies such as alcohol or tobacco products
- Any fund-raising involving raffles or bingo must be undertaken with the permission and under the instructions of the Raffles & Bingo Permits Board
- All fundraising activities will be identified as such, and will only involve voluntary participation;

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- All transactions related to fundraising activities will be reported to School Council through the Finance Committee
- School Council encourages students to support a range of charities within the department's guidelines
- Before leasing of school space for advertising, the school must contact the Department's Manager, Property Unit, before entering into any agreements for fundraising directly from the leasing of space on fences, buildings or land
- The wider community will be informed how the money has assisted in improving grounds and educational outcomes for all students.

Fundraising for Charitable Causes

Seaholme Primary School may also decide to fundraise for charitable causes external to the school. In these cases, the principal is responsible for approving the fundraising activity.

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.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated in the following ways:

- Relevant sections available publicly on our school's website and communication platform (COMPASS)
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in parent induction processes and training

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Related School Policies

- Electronic Funds Management Policy
- Cash Handling Policy

The Department's Policy and Advisory Library

- [Fundraising Activities \(including fetes\)](#)
- [Finance Manual — Financial Management for Schools](#)
- [Fundraising Act 1998](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

This policy will be reviewed annually by School Council to confirm/enhance internal control procedures. Proposed amendments to this policy will be discussed with the administration staff, the principal and School Council.

Policy last reviewed	October 2025
Approved by	Principal and School Council
Consultation	School Council October 2025
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