Student Representative Council (SRC) Fundraising Policy

Introduction

Many charities approach the SRC about fundraising opportunities at Kariong Public School. The purpose of this Policy is to establish a framework that will enhance coordination and management of fundraising activities across the school.

It is recognised that the benefits of fundraising must be balanced with the impact on the school community in terms of the effort involved in organisation and the financial burden on parents/carers.

Aim

The SRC aims to support the work done by local/national and international charities. We will try to actively involve all members of the school in raising funds for a designated number of charities and will try to raise student awareness of the work done by these charities and the causes they support.

- To increase the students awareness of others less fortunate
- To contribute to the needs of identified charities
- To provide widespread support – by supporting local, national and international charities
- To show how every individual and community can help others

Objectives

- To ensure all students are involved in raising funds for charities
- To ensure that students themselves are an integral part of the procedures for selecting annual charities for the school to support
- To ensure the school varies its contributions to the many charities who look for support
- To provide clear procedures on how the school handles requests from whatever source

Procedure for selecting charities

The SRC will follow the annual plan for charities

- One charity is chosen per term
- At least one local, national, international charity is to be selected each year.
- Every year there will be one fundraising event for Stewart House.
- Up to two collection drives can be run per year
- The school’s approach to charities will be an agenda item at the first SRC meeting of the term. At this meeting the SRC students will vote for that term’s charity
- A fundraising application form will be sent to the principal for approval
Exceptions

- Only under exceptional circumstances will the school agree to support another charity other than the one already selected for the term. This decision will be up to the discretion of the SRC and school principal.

Considerations

When organising a fundraiser the SRC must consider:

- The nature of the proposed activity/event
- The purpose for which the funds are to be used and the expected benefit
- Financial and any other impacts/obligations on students, parents/carers and school staff
- The number of other fundraising or school events and their timing
- The issue of equity across the school
- The commitment and capacity of the organising group to conduct the fundraiser effectively

Evaluation

The success of the activities carried out over the year will be discussed by members of the committee and amendments in our approach to charities/fundraising for the forthcoming year will be agreed.