

# FUNDRAISING

## PURPOSE

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

## POLICY

Fundraising is an important way for Rowellyn Park to raise money so that it can support student led projects, provide resources for school programs, and make contributions to charitable endeavours.

School staff, members of the school community or the Parents' and Friends Club, and teams associated with the school may want to undertake fundraising activities for Rowellyn Park.

Rowellyn Park 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. Funds raised are allocated by percentage to the following areas: student led projects (60%), school programs (30%) and charitable endeavours (10%).

## FUNDRAISING FOR CHARITABLE CAUSES

Rowellyn Park, 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

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- School Policy and Advisory Guide: [School Generated Funding](#)
- [Finance Manual for Victorian Government Schools](#)
- [Fundraising Act 1998](#)
- [School Financial Guidelines](#)
  - Internal Controls for Victorian Government Schools
  - Cash handling Resources
    - Cash Handling Best Practice Controls
    - Cash Handling Authorised Form Fundraising Collection
    - Cash Handling Authorised Form Ticket Sales Not at Office
    - Cash Handling Authorised Form

## REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was approved by school council on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and is scheduled for review in May 2021.