

DOMINIC COLLEGE

A Catholic School in the Salesian Tradition



FUNDRAISING AND OUTREACH POLICY

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1. RATIONALE

At Dominic College we aim to adhere to the four domains of the Archbishop's Charter of:

- Catholic Identity
- Learning
- Leadership
- Mission

The Salesian Charter guides how Dominic College enacts these domains with a focus on:

- A HOME that welcomes
- A PARISH that evangelises
- A SCHOOL that prepares for life
- A PLAYGROUND where friends meet

2. THE SALESIAN CHARTER

At Dominic College, our policies are centred around the Charter for Salesian Schools in Australia.

In keeping with the spirit of St John Bosco, whereby 'education is largely a matter of the heart' that leads young people to 'know that they are loved', the Salesian school community of today is challenged to be:

A HOME THAT WELCOMES

Being a HOME that welcomes means that:

- We are committed to caring and supporting for the poor and marginalised locally, nationally and globally based on the 'Good News' of Jesus Christ.

A PARISH THAT EVANGELISES

Being a PARISH that evangelises means that:

- We prioritise Salesian and other Catholic projects and initiatives as an expression of our role as a Salesian educational community that contributes towards the mission of the Catholic Church in the tradition of Don Bosco.

A SCHOOL THAT PREPARES FOR LIFE

Being a SCHOOL that prepares for life means that:

- We create awareness and understanding with students, staff and the Dominic Community into the purpose of our fundraising and social outreach experiences.

A PLAYGROUND WHERE FRIENDS MEET

Being a PLAYGROUND where friends meet means that:

- We focus on support for whole communities and their development over a focus on the needs of individuals.

3. PRINCIPLES

While conducting fundraising and outreach activities, Dominic College will:

- Encourage young people to actively engage with fundraising as an expression of solidarity with those in need.
- Align fundraising with other community action initiatives so as to provide young people with participation pathways that lead to community involvement, advocacy, and missionary outreach.
- Ensure that fundraising is accompanied by awareness raising programs that actively educate about the many causes of poverty and injustice and their possible solutions.
- Situate social justice and outreach in a local-global framework of inter-dependence.
- Encourage students to use their leadership to create awareness raising and fundraising based on their own ideas rather than reliance on “packaged” responses.
- Favour projects and initiatives that directly address the basic human, educational, social, and spiritual needs of poor, young people.
- Recognise the importance of ongoing sustainable community development when selecting and supporting particular projects.
- Focus on support for whole communities and their development over a focus on the needs of individuals – therefore support for Child Sponsorship programs is not encouraged.
- Give exclusive priority to Salesian and other Catholic projects and initiatives as an expression of our role as a Salesian educational community that contributes towards the mission of the Catholic Church in the tradition of Don Bosco.
- Fundraising (such as selling chocolates) to assist organisations not directly affiliated with Dominic College (e.g. sporting clubs) is not permitted.
- Ensure that fundraising efforts are transparent, ethical and in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Have a systematic and co-ordinated approach to fundraising based on long-term relationship building and commitment.

4. CATEGORIES

Dominic College fundraisers can be categorised in these areas:

- Ongoing Fundraisers: Fundraisers held the same time each year as part of the school schedule, as well as the same type of fundraiser (Examples: Project Compassion, Vinnies Winter Appeal). After initial approval is received, unless a change in the fundraiser is made, there is no need for an annual application to the College Leadership Team.

- Salesian / Dominican Wide Campaigns: (Example Don Bosco Technical School Samoa)
- Year 10 Graduation Fundraising for Dominic College (overseen by the Learning and Wellbeing Team - Secondary).