

PHILANTHROPY GUIDELINES

Purpose of this document

This document acts to provide guidelines and a structure as to how Dalkeith Primary School engages in philanthropy. It will provide direction when making decisions as to what causes to support and will provide information for the community. It is important that the school is still able to respond to causes that are driven by community enthusiasm and passion as these are the people who will drive the activity.

Dalkeith Primary School will fund or offer support to:

- A local charity.
- A national charity.
- An international charity.

Duration

It is expected that these guidelines will be revisited every 12 months or as the need arises. This is a dynamic document.

Expected Outcomes for Dalkeith Primary

- Encourage children to be concerned for those who have not had the same opportunities in life as we have had.
- Empower children to recognise that they can make a difference in the lives of others. Giving a little can go a long way to help needy children.
- Encourage children to develop confidence and initiative in working for the good of others who are less fortunate than themselves.
- Giving fosters appreciation for the good things that we enjoy.
- Understanding that providing for those less fortunate is not always about money, but about really understanding the community, culture and non-monetary needs.

Criteria for Choosing Charities

Our priorities for supporting charitable causes are:

- To promote literacy and numeracy for the recipients.
- To promote long term and personal relationships between our students and the children of the charity that we are supporting. Working with Australian Aboriginal communities is a priority.
- To create links to the curriculum.
- The charity must be ethical and have a reputation as being good citizens.
- *The onus is on the community member who proposes a charity to research that charity to ensure that the organisation is reputable.*

Additionally, we will support charities that:

- Demonstrate financial accountability and transparency.
- Demonstrate efficiency in the use of funds.