SOCIAL SERVICE POLICY

Rationale:

Concern for others and their wellbeing is basic to the development of a caring and responsible member of the community.

Aims:

- To develop within students an awareness and appreciation of the problems facing other people, especially children, and a desire to help people in need.
- To provide a formal opportunity for students to assist those who are less fortunate.
- To develop leadership skills of the chosen class representatives.

Implementation:

- A teacher will be identified annually to coordinate the program through the school’s Junior School Council.
- Junior School Council will select a range of social service projects throughout the year, and will seek the Principal’s approval before embarking on any particular project.
- In addition, a School Council endorsed fundraising activity will be conducted on an annual basis in order to directly benefit State Schools Relief.
- Each Junior School Council project will be overseen by a designated teacher-in-charge.
- Junior School Council members will be encouraged to consider alternative means of support rather than simply providing financial assistance on each occasion.
- Junior School Council will be encouraged to support a variety of local, national and international causes.
- Social Service activities, including funds raised and letters of appreciation, will be published in the school newsletter and broader media where appropriate.
- Consideration will be given to the number and timing of demands placed upon families by fundraising efforts.

Evaluation:

The Social Service policy statement will undergo review in accordance with the established policy/program review processes of the school.

References: State Schools Relief – ph: (03) 9888 8722