Parents Make Makybe Initiative Policy

Purpose – to provide clear guidelines on the principles used to administer the Parents Make Makybe Initiative.

Rationale – The Parents Make Makybe Initiative (PMMI) has been designed as a way to increase the participation of Parents in the School activities that contribute to the education of their children. The initiative seeks to provide reward and encouragement for each instance in which the Parent (or an alternative person) contributes voluntarily. This is deliberately structured to cover a wide array of potential contributions and the program will aim to maintain flexibility in which types of contributions are rewarded, but the overall focus will be on items that benefit the education of their children or the school’s capacity to educate their children.

The PMMI Committee will make all the decisions regarding the operation of the initiative. The committee authorises various members of the school community (teachers, admin staff, P&C, Canteen) to verify that volunteers have contributed in accordance with the policy and the framework.

Rewards for contributions vary to help assist in supporting the dynamic priorities and requirements of the school and the students. Rewards will be reviewed prior to the beginning of each term. The committee will encourage suggestions for both Activities and Rewards, but the committee will be responsible for final decisions regarding inclusion.

The initiative is intended to increase participation in the school. The committee will look to avoid increasing administrative load on any part of the school as much as practical, but in some instances the initiative may require additional administrative effort by some participants. This is aimed to be offset by the overall benefit of increased Parent participation.

While the program is focused on Parent contributions, assistance by other family members, friends and acquaintances of families is more than welcome. All contributions recognised under the Volunteer Initiative however, must be associated with a particular nominated child.

The program is designed to recognise and reward Parent Participation. It is recognised that a multi-child family may have more opportunities to gather rewards, this requires additional effort/contribution by the parents and that this is a desirable behaviour that we are seeking to encourage (e.g. if an activity were Paying Voluntary School Fees, a parent may be able to gain rewards by paying the voluntary fees for each child – but this is an increased contribution to the school and therefore to their child’s education).

Teachers may seek assistance from Volunteers as part of the Volunteer Initiative, but the requesting teachers are able to place reasonable conditions on the activity (e.g. completion date, availability to Parents who do not have a child in the class).

All volunteers need to comply with all relevant Makybe Rise Primary School policies, particularly the Makybe Rise Primary School Volunteer Policy when volunteering with students.