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Social Justice Policy

PREAMBLE:

We believe **Equal Opportunity** concentrates on treating all people equally and providing people with equal rights regardless of race, socio-economic status, gender or other characteristics. Basically, it is about giving everyone a 'fair go' in accessing educational activities. However, since inequality still exists in society treating everyone the same does not necessarily mean fairness of treatment. The provision of equality of opportunity must be combined with social justice principles to provide substantive equality to disadvantaged groups.

RATIONALE:

Social Justice provides equitable outcomes to marginalised groups by recognising past disadvantage and existence of structural barriers embedded in the social, economic and political system that perpetuate systemic discrimination.

Social Justice

While equal opportunity rights are applicable to everyone, social justice targets the marginalised groups of people in society – it focuses on the disadvantaged. Social justice recognises that there are situations where application of same rules to unequal groups can generate unequal results. Social justice provides a framework to address the impact of policies and practices.

Equal opportunity and social justice calls for the most attention to be given to access, participation and learning outcomes in education.

Therefore at Settlers Farm Campus R-7 we believe:

Camps, incursions and excursions are inclusive, and **all** students are to be given the opportunity to participate. Unless exceptional circumstances exist, **all** students should have the opportunity to participate in a camp, incursion or excursion.

- Costs are considered to ensure that there is little financial burden imposed upon our families and our students can access the learning experiences available through camps and excursions by limiting camps to a biannual event and having no more than one excursion/incursion per term.

In severe financial hardship, families can ask the Class Teacher or Leadership for financial assistance to help with extra curriculum linked activities initiated by the Class Teacher. Members of Leadership make the decision.



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Criteria for such assistance will be as follows:

- More than one child attending Settlers Farm Campus R-7.
- School fees are paid to date.
- Activities are linked to curriculum learning.
- No more than \$100 accessed every 3 years per family.
- A maximum support of 30% off total cost if 2 children are attending the same activity.
- A maximum support of 50% off total cost if 3 or more children are attending the same activity.

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