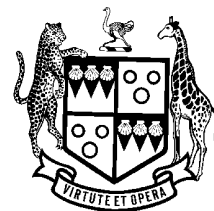


FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIP POLICY FOR SPORT TEAMS AND/OR TOURS

As ratified by the School Governing Body on 23 November 2006



Victoria Girls High School welcomes sponsorship and the raising of funds for, and on behalf of the school. However, in order to control school standards and fund-raising appeals, the correct procedure needs to be followed:

1. All proposed sponsorship, in whatever form, as well as any request for donations, or proposed fundraising appeals, must be submitted to the Principal. This staff member will liaise with the teacher-in-charge/coach, as well as with the Head of Co-curricular activities.
2. No parent/learner/interested party may elicit donations on behalf of the school without the permission of the School Principal, acting on behalf of the School Governing Body.
3. All school activities, whether sporting or cultural, are considered to be equally important, and all sponsorship should, therefore, benefit as many learners as possible. Sponsorship of equipment that becomes the property of the school is most welcome.
The decision as to whether the equipment/sponsorship becomes school property, or is kept for the sole use/funding of the learner concerned, must be made by the sponsor.
4. The focus of the sport/cultural activity needs to be strongly on performance, and the health and social benefits of the specific activity, and not on clothing or accessories.
5. The official VGHS sports uniform must be worn at all fixtures where the school is represented officially. The VGHS sport uniform is varied and adequate for practices, matches and tours. A sporting team may need additional sports clothes when on a tour, but the tour manager determines:
 - a. what to wear at the various matches while on a tour.
 - b. what additional items of clothing are necessary - ensuring the use of school colours and, if sponsored items, in accordance with procedure (1.).
6. No learner may be expected to make a compulsory monetary contribution to sponsored articles in any circumstances, unless clearance was received from the Head of Co-Curriculars/Principal prior to the discussion with the proposed tour members and the said contribution is a joint decision of school and parents. *[The rationale behind this is that learners are seldom aware of the financial situation of their parents and commit to expenses that parents can ill afford. No girl or parent will admit in a meeting that they will not be able to afford an article].*