

Rationale:

Lowanna College recognises the mutual benefits that can be gained from developing positive and purposeful partnerships with organisations and businesses that exist within the wider school community.

Aim:

To ensure that sponsorship is conducted within the Department of Education and Training (DET) guidelines and such arrangements will not generate pressure on children, families or schools to purchase particular goods or services, subscribe to particular beliefs or attitudes or pursue particular courses of action.

Implementation:

1. School Council will be provided with details of any sponsorship or advertising proposals before finalising any partnership arrangements. Any pecuniary interests by school councillors must be declared to School Council at the time of the submission of the proposal.
2. School Council will consider all sponsorship and partnership arrangements on merit. The College Principal, under the advisement of School Council, will make decisions on an individual basis.
3. When considering potential advertising and sponsorship arrangements, School Council is required to adhere to the following guidelines:
 - a. Sponsorship and advertising will be with organisations and companies where a clear and demonstrable benefit for the students and the school's programs can be guaranteed;
 - b. Sponsorship and advertising arrangements must take into account the values and views of the school community as well as the school policies.
4. Sponsorship and advertising arrangements will only be entered into with organisations and companies that have a positive public image, and are associated with products and services appropriate for a school to align themselves with. Consideration will be given to:
 - a. the type of products or services the organisation markets;
 - b. the marketing methods the organisation employs;
 - c. the impact its products and processing have on issues such as the environment;
 - d. its public image as an employer, acceptability to the community and general reputation as a business.
5. Arrangements must not be entered into with companies directly involved with tobacco or alcohol products and/or any other products considered harmful to children and parents.
6. Arrangements must not be entered into with companies that seek information from the school that would contravene the Information Privacy Act 2000.
7. Sponsorship arrangements that contain restrictions regarding the school's ability to purchase goods and services freely, or restrict the school's ability to make choices in any way, will be avoided.
8. In considering a sponsorship or advertising arrangement, School Council will consider the Sponsorship Checklist (see attached) as outlined in the Victorian Government School Reference Guide.
9. Each individual sponsorship relationship will be monitored and maintained by the Principal or his/her representative.
10. Information relating to the sponsorship will be stored in an easy and accessible format for audit purposes.
11. Each individual sponsorship arrangement will be reviewed on an annual basis.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Fundraising Policy.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the College's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by College Council on 21 August 2017.