



QUEENSLAND COUNCIL OF PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS INC
FACT SHEET



School Fundraising

Fundraising by Schools, Staff and Teachers.

This fact sheet provides clarification of the ability of school staff and teachers to raise funds outside the auspice of the P&C Association.

QCPCA has sought clarification from Education Queensland in regard to this issue and the following reply has been received.

“Education does permit schools, teachers and other staff to raise funds outside the auspice of the school’s Parents and Citizens Association. The extent of that fundraising is to be limited to the provisions of the Charitable and Non-Profit Gaming Act 1999.

The Charitable and Non – Profit Gaming Act 1999 (the Act) provides that “an association” may conduct Category 1 games and an “eligible association” may conduct Category 2 games. An association may be four or more people who gather for a specified purpose and may not necessarily be members of the Parents and Citizens’ Association. Section 10 (aa) of the Act defines an eligible association as one “formed and operated principally for an educational or religious purpose”.

Schools, however, as government entities may not conduct fundraising activities.

A category 1 game is a bingo or other game (except lucky envelopes or promotional games) with gross proceeds of up to \$2 000.

A category 2 game is a bingo, lucky envelope or other game (except a promotional games) with gross proceeds of up to \$20 000.

Therefore, the position is as follows: although schools may not raise funds themselves, an association of four or more teachers or other staff may raise funds for a specific purpose from which the school may benefit (making sure that the school’s name is not officially associated with the fund-raising). Also, an association may conduct both a Category 1 and a Category 2 game.

Copies of the guides for Category 1 and 2 games are published by the Qld Office of Gaming Regulation – Qld Treasury and are available on their website at <http://www.qogr.qld.gov.au/PUBLICATIONS/> under the heading Charitable and Non-Profit Guides.

As always QCPCA would like to encourage all P&C Associations and school community members to work together to plan fundraising and other activities at the school. Open communication and a clear understanding by everyone as to who is doing what, when and why provides a collaborative approach that will be of greater benefit to the students of the school than many uncoordinated, individual efforts.

Further information can be found in the P&C Operations manual section 11 page 11.



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