

The Catholic Education Foundation would like to take the opportunity to recognise and thank our corporate and community partners and our *From the Heart Giving Program* contributors and donors for all their support during the 2022 school year.

Through your generosity we have been able to assist a over 5,400 families experiencing financial, social or cultural hardship through our bursary program.

We are blessed that you share our vision and mission to help support our students and families to undertake an education in one of our 150 schools in the Sydney Archdiocese.

In 2023, we are excited to be celebrating 10 years of the Catholic Education Foundation and look forward to your continued support in creating educational opportunities for our students.

Wishing you all a very blessed Christmas and New Year!



Kathleen Badolato, Janet Freeman & Dominica Pafumi
- CEF Team



CEF Financial Bursary

A single parent has two children attending one of our secondary schools and has two older, fully dependent children living at home due to their disabilities.

The parent is a sole carer due to domestic violence.

The parent's business was affected by COVID-19 lockdowns and with income at an all-time low—the only source of income was Job Keeper payment—their bills, inclusive of school fees, became extremely overdue. Their ability to pay for living expenses and debts at the same time diminished.

Embarrassed by the situation, the parent refused to answer or return school calls. However, due to the school's caring pastoral approach and gentle persistence from the school's business manager, the parent felt comfortable accepting an Application for Financial Assistance.

Unfortunately, at this time, the parent did not complete the application and the account was transferred to the

School Fee Support Unit (SFSU) to manage. Several calls from the SFSU were unanswered until they left an empathetic message:

"We care and want to help you... but we need you to respond."

The parent then returned the call and divulged that they were depressed, embarrassed and extremely stressed at having to move back into the grandparents' small home to get on top of their debts. They advised that "the children's education was important" and did not want to move them to another school as their current school's 'faith and community' was paramount to them. With this trust in the SFSU, they provided full documentation, and the children were awarded a financial bursary. The school also assisted in providing uniform vouchers for the children. The parent was so overwhelmed and sent a message of thanks:

"Thank you so much for what you did to help me and my kids. I appreciate everything you have done"

Our Commitment...

The Catholic Education Foundation is committed to helping Catholic families to access a Catholic education for their children in one of our 150 primary and secondary Sydney Catholic schools.

Our Vision is that every child from a Catholic family has access to an education in a Sydney Catholic school, and no child is denied this opportunity due to genuine financial, cultural or social hardship.

Our Mission is to raise sufficient funds to sustain our school fee support program to assist Catholic families in education their children in a Sydney Catholic schools values.

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CEF Annual Appeal

The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) held our Annual Appeal Day where we invited all primary and secondary schools in the Sydney Archdiocese to be involved in raising funds to support the 5,585 students on the bursary program.



A special mention to St Joachim's Catholic Primary School Lidcombe who held a BBQ fundraiser at their end of year Christmas event. We thank DOOLEYS Lidcombe Catholic Club for providing the

items for the sausage sizzle and the Lion's Club for running this on the night.

Another special mention to St Mary's Catholic Primary School Concord for sharing their fundraising initiative. Students were invited to dress up in something beginning with the letters C.E.F. There were plenty of amazing ideas such as students coming dressed as coins, elves, firefighters, chefs, cheerleaders, flamingos and chickens.



CEF END OF YEAR GATHERING AND DRINKS

The Catholic Education Foundation celebrated our end of year gathering and drinks.

A big thank you to all the secondary school business managers, Sydney Catholic Schools staff and those who were in attendance to personally thank our corporate partners for their support of our CEF Bursary students.

SCS PROPERTY & FACILITIES CONTRACTORS & CONSULTANTS END OF YEAR GATHERING

We would like to thank the Sydney Catholic Schools Property and Facilities team for inviting the CEF to their end of year gathering and giving us the

opportunity to meet and speak with the property contractors and consultants.



Thank you

We would like to thank all of the Catholic Education Foundation's Corporate and Community Partners for their continued generous support of our vision and mission.

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