



ST VIRGIL'S COLLEGE

A Catholic boys school in the Edmund Rice tradition

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Dear Families,

Re: Edmund Rice Foundation Australia Donation

St Virgil's College in keeping with its mission as a Catholic school for boys in the Edmund Rice tradition is committed to supporting organisations that work with those at the margins of communities around the world. The College is an active supporter of the Mary Rice Centre in Kenya and at local level the Archbishop's fund, Caritas and St Vincent's.

Whilst the College recognises that there are many worthy causes in the community we are committed to supporting initiatives that are consistent with our mission. From time to time we will respond to local need, for example the 2013 bushfires in Tasmania or efforts to support sick students and parents within our school community. This is done to reduce the burden placed on families, many of whom support many worthy causes locally, nationally and internationally.

The Edmund Rice Foundation Australia (ERFA) fits within the criteria for organisations supported by St Virgil's College. The ERFA shares the heritage and purpose of Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA), of which we as a school are a part, as well as the legacy and work of the Christian Brothers who began this school many years ago. Enclosed is a brochure about the work of the Edmund Rice Foundation Australia. You can read more about the inspiring work of the Edmund Rice Foundation Australia at www.erf.org.au

With this in mind, in 2015 the College, along with other EREA schools, implemented the Edmund Rice Foundation Australia Parent Support Scheme. Your donation of \$50 for 2018 is included on your Annual Fee Statement. There is the opportunity to 'opt out' of making this donation by emailing tmoschogianis@stvirgils.tas.edu.au with the Subject Line ERFA Opt Out (students name), I do, however, encourage you to consider this donation as a way of contributing to the global need that is calling us all to respond.

Should you have any queries about the donation, please contact Mrs Narelle Green (Business Manager), or Mr Mark Waddington (Director of Development) or email development@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Thank you for your support of the College and its endeavors to support those in need.

Yours sincerely

Terry Blizzard
Acting Principal

Mission

Aware of unacceptable levels of poverty and injustice in the developing world, particularly for the young, the Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) works collaboratively with local communities in development projects involving education, health, vocational training and community development. These activities are ideally grounded in the expressed needs of those communities. The Foundation's specific focus is on countries in Africa and the Asia-Pacific Region.

Within Australia, the Foundation supports programs for socially and financially disadvantaged children, youth and families, including programs for indigenous Australians, refugees and asylum seekers. The Foundation assists projects that promote the advancement of education for Australian youth in circumstances of poverty, disability and remoteness. Currently, the Foundation provides support for Edmund Rice Camps in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia.