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***ST VINCENT'S SCHOOL
PARMELIA***

SCHOOL LEVEL PLAN

LOW SES SCHOOL COMMUNITIES NP

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PURPOSE OF NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP IN LOW SES SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Funding provided through the Commonwealth Government Smarter Schools National Partnership Program, along with co-investment from the Western Australian education sectors and schools, is designed to build the capacity of Western Australian schools to contribute to the achievement of the following five higher level outcomes;

- All children are engaged in and benefitting from schooling
- Young people are meeting basic literacy and numeracy standards, and overall levels of literacy and numeracy achievement are improving
- Schooling promotes the social inclusion and reduces the educational disadvantage of children, especially Indigenous children
- Australian students excel by international standards
- Young people make a successful transition from school to work and further study

The Catholic Education Office National Partnership for Low SES School Communities;

- Aims to improve literacy and numeracy achievement across all years of schooling
- Provides a focus on strategies which will raise attendance and allow students who move between schools to be tracked and supported
- Supports schools to raise the resilience and engagement of students
- Aims to assist in up skilling staff, particularly Aboriginal Teacher Assistants
- Is contextualised in whole school improvement initiatives
- Links closely to initiatives in other National Partnership Programs
- Where involving schools with Aboriginal students, especially in the Kimberley, aligns to key policy strategies such as the 'Closing the Gap' strategy and the 'Indigenous Education Action Plan Draft'.

Reporting in this National Partnership will occur against key reforms and milestones and will include qualitative and quantitative data which describe the degree of participation, the key processes and important outcomes, especially those that relate to improved student achievement and attendance.

School Profile

St Vincent's School is a Catholic Primary school located in lower SES communities about 20km south of Perth CBD. The school provides education from Kindergarten to Year Six for both boys and girls in an environment that enhances learning, nurtures young people and empowers them to live the Catholic faith in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. We believe that students learn better, and staff are more effective, where there is a positive, caring culture where relationships and learning are both important. St Vincent's has an enthusiastic and dedicated staff and supportive community, with the main emphasis of the School Curriculum being Literacy and Numeracy. We have a Reading Recovery teacher and support staff to enhance these learning areas. The School Information Technology Plan has facilitated the placement of computers and the application of interactive technology in all classrooms. We also have a portable lab and a bank of 32 computers in the multi-purpose room. St Vincent's has a well-resourced library, and classes in Physical Education, Information Technology, Music and Italian are offered to children from Kindergarten to Year Six.

Involvement and Support in Specific Low SES Projects

Extension of Bluearth Program

The Bluearth program has a proven record in developing social, emotional; interpersonal, personal and physical attributes of students. This typically leads to students who are healthier, more engaged and exhibiting increased attendance rates. This project provides financial and other support to participating schools. The financial support allows for more visits to the school by accredited Bluearth trainers as well as support to train other staff members and community representatives. In the case of non-Kimberley schools, direct financial support allows participating schools to implement and extend the program.

The specific outcomes of this project relate to enhanced interpersonal, personal, health and engagement outcomes which are recognised as being essential for improved learning.

Funding

Specific National Partnership Project	Extension of Bluearth Program
Australian Government Funding Allocated	\$7,000.00
Western Australian Co-investment – CEOWA	\$3,000.00
School Co-Investment	\$13,000.00