

**The Viard College
Educational Trust
Proprietors Property Fund**
Bishop Viard College,
P O Box 50-075, Porirua
(Donation Form)

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Educational Trust Proprietors Property Fund
Internet banking BNZ Porirua Branch
Account No: 02 0548 0338891 02. Please
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theviardeducationtrust@viard.school.nz.

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The Viard College Educational Trust
was established in 1996 with the objective
of assisting with educational expenses of
existing and former pupils of Viard
College. The Trust Deed was recently
altered to allow a clear distinction to exist
between funding for improvements to
proprietors property and all other
objectives of the trust. Donations to either
account of the trust are always welcome.

If you require further information please
contact
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*Refurbished classroom with new carpet
and sound reducing pin-board wall lining.*

To all Current and Past Parents,
Pupils, Supporters and Friends of
Bishop Viard College

Request for Assistance



from The Viard College
Educational Trust

FIRST A HISTORY LESSON....

In 1975 when Bishop Viard College was only nine years old the Catholic education system virtually became bankrupt. The two major parties in Parliament at the time sensibly and fortuitously reached an agreement passing legislation that saved the Catholic schooling system from bankruptcy and protected the state system from having to provide buildings for all those in the Catholic education system. This was called the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act. That Act essentially was the structure for transferring all of New Zealand's Catholic schools into the state system, so that we are now referred to as State-Integrated schools.

Many of us will have memories of Catholic school buildings being prepared for integration. Costs of integration were covered by loans and having reached the required standards Viard was integrated in 1981. That means that in effect the government now provides operational funding for our school to cover learning materials, running costs, salaries and everything to do with maintenance of buildings. The key difference between the funding of state integrated schools and other state schools is in how new buildings and improvements to buildings are funded. Catholic schools therefore are reliant on the payment of school fees (attendance dues) to repay loans that provide for new buildings and improvements to buildings.

THE CURRENT SITUATION

Constraints on funding for new buildings and indeed on funding for smaller projects such as refurbishment are considerable.

Since 2005 we have been impacted further by a clarification of the government's expectations relating to the funding we receive as part of the operations grant. The funding we now receive from the government clearly forbids us to use such funding in any way that improves the proprietor's buildings. This for example includes providing new buildings or even the refurbishment of a classroom.. We have been clearly informed that funds must be specifically donated or fundraised for any projects that relate to such improvements.

At Bishop Viard we are not in the same position as many other Catholic schools of being able to attract significant funding from our school community or from religious teaching orders. Similarly many well established Colleges have access to Past Pupils Association funds. Careful budgeting and family donations in past years has resulted in modest refurbishment to some of our classrooms

A SOLUTION....

The Catholic Schools Board this year has provided a possible solution to assisting us with funding for major maintenance and modernisation of existing buildings through the **Community Assisting Proprietors Schools (CAPS)** Scheme. This new system will allow schools who have access to funding streams from their communities to submit applications for funds for such projects. It will take into account the decile rating of the school and match the community's contribution accordingly. The solid structure of Viard's buildings, while expensive for major remodelling work, have the advantage that we are able to refurbish classrooms at a relatively low cost.

As a Board we are anxious to continue our programme of refurbishment that has been stalled since 2005 due to the issues outlined above. We are particularly eager to see aspects that impact on students' learning modernised. For example

- The wall linings in modern classrooms greatly impacts on the sound quality in the rooms.
- Appropriate wiring allows technology to be fully utilised.

Submissions for funding under the new CAPS scheme are **due by 31 March 2010**. We currently do not hold any funds that have been donated or fundraised to improve the proprietors property and are therefore reliant on your generosity to enable us to apply for funding for even one classroom's refurbishment. For every dollar we are able to donate as a school community the CSB will contribute \$2.80. Donations received prior to **21 March 2010** will be our base for this years funding application. Donations received after this date will allow us to apply for funds to be used for the same purpose i.e. classroom renovation in the 2011 round. All funds donated will be used explicitly for this purpose and are tax deductible.

If you are able to make a donation no matter how small please consider the following:

Cost per classroom	Total Cost	If we receive Donations of	CSB will contribute
Carpet a Classroom	5000	1320	3680
Line walls	3000	780	2220
Shelving	1000	265	735
Whiteboard	2000	530	1470
Removal of Rostrum	500	132	368
Power Points	1000	265	735
Cabling	500	132	368
Total Cost	13000	3424	9576

The cost of painting and curtains may be paid out of the schools operations grant as these are considered to be normal maintenance.

If you wish to make a donation we would like to make it easy to do so, but we also need to ensure that government guidelines are clearly followed. To this end the use of the buildings section (Proprietor's Property) of the Viard College Educational Trust account for all donations will have the desired outcome.

If you would like to allocate your donation to a particular classroom improvement please advise us. All donations are tax deductible.