



### **Hillcrest Community Public Fund Facts**

- Council can provide assurance that 100% of the funds donated to the original 'Support for Families – Hillcrest Primary' GoFundMe campaign, will go to the families of the nine children who were directly impacted by the tragedy.
- The release of the GoFundMe money has taken much longer than anticipated and is being delayed by some very complex legal issues which are being managed by the State Government and legal representatives of the Funds initiator, to ensure all the money is distributed fairly to the families impacted.
- Council has no control over the timing of the release of the GoFundMe money but can provide assurance that 100% of the money will go to the families.
- The Hillcrest Community Public Fund (HCPF) has been established by the State Government, in consultation with Devonport City Council and MyState Bank as a way to support the Hillcrest School community for the long term. Money donated directly to this fund is separate to the GoFundMe page and provides a secure, reliable process with the necessary protections to encourage contributions from not only individuals but large commercial entities (like the AFL).
- The HCPF is a non-interest bearing account and all administration costs are being covered by Council, the State Government and MyState.
- All funds donated to the HCPF will be used to support the Hillcrest Community and those involved or affected by the tragedy.
- Money raised as part of the AFL Tribute Match between Hawthorn and Richmond to be played in Devonport on Saturday 5 March will be added to the HCPF.
- A Hillcrest Community Public Fund Distribution Committee will decide how the funds are distributed fairly and equitably, and where they are needed to best support the community.
- Neither the Council nor the State Government are receiving any money whatsoever from either the GoFundMe page or the HCPF. All of the administration, support and other work related to Hillcrest is being funded in full by Council and the Government.
- The Government has been assisting the affected families with immediate support, which has included direct financial assistance.