Taxation Position

The Australian Tax Office guide for Claiming Tax Deductions for Gifts provides that:

Organisations which can receive income deductible gifts as set out in the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 are “Endorsed Deductible Gift Recipients (DGR’s).”

The Beehive Montessori School INC Building Fund is an Endorsed Deductible Gift Recipient.

Not all gifts to DGRs are tax deductible. To be tax deductible a gift must be money or property covered by one of the following gift types.

i) $2 or more: money

ii) Property > $5,000: property valued by the ATO at more the $5,000

iii) Property < 12 months: property purchased during the 12 months before the gift was made.

iv) Shares ≤ $5,000: listed shares valued at $5,000 or less and acquired at least 12 months before the gift was made.

v) Trading stock: trading stock disposed of outside the ordinary course of business.

Further:

A deduction for a gift cannot add to or create a tax loss for the donor.

A donor can elect to spread deductions for certain gifts over a period of up to 5 years. The election must be in an approved form and must be made before lodging the income tax return for the year in which the gift was made. The election must start in the year in which the gift was made and continue for up to 4 years immediately following. The election must contain the percentage to be claimed in each year. The donor may make a written variation to any percentage to be claimed for tax returns that have not been lodged in years 2-5 if required.

Who can claim a deduction:

A donor can be an individual, a company, a trust or another type of tax payer.


From time to time, taxation legislation will be subject to changes and there may be variances in interpretation and application, depending upon an individual’s or a company’s particular situation. We strongly recommend that all donors seek professional advice be sought in respect to their personal taxation position.