



RATIONALE

Students enrolled at our school who are selected to compete at a national level, in activities such as Tournament of the Minds, sporting activities, chess or other recreational activity, as an individual or in a team, may require financial assistance and/or support with travel and equipment costs.

AIM

To provide a school environment that is supportive of and responsive to the needs of students competing at an elite level.

IMPLEMENTATION

There are two categories of activity that should be initially assessed by the school:

Category One: When a student has participated in the activity at the instigation of the school.

Options for School Council to consider at the time of a request:

- A group will be activated to look at each individual case as it arises, bearing in mind the cost involved and the financial situation of the school. Ideally the group will be the School Council, however, if there are time constraints, a sub committee consisting of the Principal, the Assistant Principal and two members of school council should be established.
- Each case will be documented and records will be kept for future reference. Agreements reached will be regarded as confidential and handled accordingly.
- Upon request individual students competing at a national level may qualify for financial support of up to \$200 towards accommodation, travel or incurred costs from Reserve Welfare Fund.
- Where individual families elect to raise funds privately the school may assist with advertising to the school community via the newsletter and/or the use of the school sign. The school may also assist with sourcing additional outside support such as Rotary, local council or private business sponsorship.
- The final decision regarding any financial support will be at the discretion of the Principal.

Category Two: When a student has participated in the activities outside the school environment and the achievement has no direct link to the school.

Option for School Council to consider at the time of a request:

- School council may assist the family in their private fundraising endeavours by providing advertising to the school community via the school newsletter and/or the use of the school sign. The school may also assist with sourcing additional outside support such as Rotary, local council or private business sponsorship.

EVALUATION

- The policy will be reviewed at times when parent/s request financial assistance and support on an individual basis. Decisions will be made in accordance with what is deemed fair and consistent at the time of the request.
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in June 2006