Shelford Parents’ Association

Student Support Program Guidelines

Purpose
The Shelford Parents’ Association Student Support Program (SSP) has been established to assist students who excel in one area of endeavour to achieve a specific and unique target through financial means.

Eligibility
Present Shelford students are eligible to apply for a Support payment for activities that occur whilst they are students of the Shelford Community. Areas of endeavour may include but are not limited to sport, the performing arts, academia and community service. The activity must not be a “school event”, but be run by organisations and for participants, the majority of whom are external to Shelford.

Selection Criteria
Selection criteria are laid out in the SSP Application Form. Information required includes educational background, details of the specific opportunity being offered (including a breakdown of costs) and details of the student's and family's own efforts to meet these costs, and the availability of financial support from other community groups, such as sporting bodies, talent associations and Federal, State or Local Government. All applications will be viewed on their merits and a decision made by the SSP Sub committee of SPA, with a report made to the following meeting of SPA on successful and unsuccessful applications. It should be noted that any grant from this fund will be made only where exceptional circumstances exist, and there is no obligation for any or all of the grant to be allocated. The Application Form must pass through the Principal and receive her signature prior to review by the SSP sub-committee of SPA.

Support Payments
The Shelford Parents’ Association will allocate an amount of up to $1200 per year to assist a number of students in their extra curricula activities. This amount is offered at a rate of $300 per term, with these amounts accumulating to a maximum available of $1200 in Term 4, should no call have been made on the funds earlier in the year. The total annual payment to all recipients will not exceed $1200. Any unallocated funds can accumulate from year to year should there be any remaining at the end of the school year. These accumulated funds will be split evenly across the four terms of the following year, increasing the terms’ allocation proportionally.

Maximum payment
Students making an application for an international event will be eligible for a maximum allocation of $600. Students making an application for interstate or intrastate events will be eligible for a maximum payment of $300. Students seeking assistance for equipment or other tangible items will have to provide details of their specific requirements in this area, and will be eligible for no more than $300.

Repeat Applications
Students seeking assistance from the SSP may only do so ONCE for each event they apply for. Three months notice of the event for which support is sought must be given.

Review
The SSP Guidelines, including financial amounts, will be reviewed annually at the Shelford Parents’ Association Annual General Meeting, and are subject to change.