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**Catholic Education Policy**

**Related Policies**

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**St Clare's Contact Officer** Principal

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## Rationale/Purpose

St Clare's College is a spirited learning community committed to engaging all students. The College recognises the effort and time commitments of those selected for elite performances in the performing arts or events other than sport. As these commitments involve a significant cost burden, this policy outlines how the College may assist the students and families with their financial commitments. This policy is to be read in conjunction with the Elite Performance Policy.

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## Definitions

### **Elite**

For the purposes of this policy, "elite" refers to a performing arts based activity at a professional level or its equivalent.

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## Policy

To receive funding from the College, the student must meet the following criteria.

1. Be currently enrolled.
2. Be granted leave from the College to participate.
3. Have met appropriate academic and behavioural standards in accordance with College requirements.
4. Compete or participate in a performance or event at a professional level or its equivalent.
5. Not have received financial assistance from the College in the previous 12 month period, the exception being a graduation in level of competition or activity.
6. Have a cost burden to the family for the event in excess of \$200.

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## Levels of Financial Assistance

**Level 1** – Financial assistance for competing or participating in an event or performance at a professional level or its equivalent.

**Level 1 assistance is to the value of \$200.**

**Level 2** – Financial assistance for competing or participating in an event or performance at a national professional level or its equivalent.

**Level 2 assistance is to the value of \$400.**



## Procedures

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All applications for financial assistance should be directed to the Principal's Personal Assistant in the first instance and then referred to the St Clare's College Executive for review. If the event requires time away from school, application for leave must also be sought. It would be most convenient if the two requests (leave and financial assistance) accompany each other to streamline school processes. Applications should contain the following information:

- Student's name, Year and Pastoral Care Class
- Details of the relevant sporting event or activity including name, location, duration and cost to the participant
- A brief synopsis of how the student qualified or was chosen for the performance, event, or team.
- Applications should be supported and signed off a St Clare's staff member, for example, the Performing Arts Coordinator.

It is not uncommon for opportunities to eventuate for elite level performance at a professional level for students that do not fit into any model. Approval for financial assistance in these instances will be at the discretion of the Principal after consultation with the St Clare's College Executive and a relevant staff member.