

Catholic Education Policy

Related Policies

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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 sporting teams. 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.

Definitions

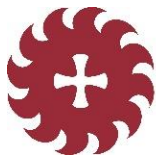
Elite

For the purposes of this policy, "elite" refers to competition in a sport at a minimum of state level or its equivalent.

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 in a sporting event at a minimum of state level or its equivalent:
5. Must have represented St Clare's College with merit in the relevant interschool sport in the previous three terms or be currently in the process of being selected in a St Clare's College team for that sport at a professional level or its equivalent.
 - a. Must achieve a level of sporting competition that as a minimum equates to ACT or state representation to a national championships or interstate competition where no national championships exist. These championships must be a School Sport Australia (or equivalent) sanctioned event as opposed to club-based national championships, except in the case where St Clare's College offers clubs in those sports (currently netball, volleyball, summer softball, Snowsports and dragon boating).
 - b. Examples of the type of activity to receive funding can be found at the end of the policy.
6. 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.
7. Have a cost burden to the family for the event in excess of \$200.



Levels of Financial Assistance

Level 1 – Financial assistance for competition as part of a representative ACT/State Schools team (Age or Open/Schoolgirls) or Invitational Team to that level. The student is part of a St Clare's College sporting club (netball, volleyball, summer softball, Snowsports and dragon boating) or the student is not part of a St Clare's College sporting club but has represented St Clare's in that sport.

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

Level 2 – Financial assistance for representation as part of an Australian team or Australian Shadow/Selection team if one is selected (Age/Schoolgirls/Invitational).

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

Procedures

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 details of costs that will be incurred by the participant.
- A brief synopsis of how the student qualified or was chosen for the event, team or performance.
- Applications should be supported and signed off a St Clare's staff member, for example, the Sports Coordinator or Facilitator.

It is not uncommon for opportunities to eventuate for elite level sporting or performance-based activity at a professional level for students that do not fit the model of ACT/State or Australian representation. 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 the PE / Sports Coordinator.

Examples of activities that would receive funding assistance include:

- a) A member of a St Clare's College Australian Football team who competed in the ACT Australian Football Championships events selected in the ACT Schoolgirls Australian Football team for National Championships in Adelaide.
- b) A member of the St Clare's College Swimming Team who competed in the ASC Swimming Championships/ACT Swimming Championships selected as a member of the ACT Schools Swimming Team for the National Championships in Melbourne.
- c) A member of the St Clare's Volleyball Club/team selected to represent the ACT in the Under 16 National Volleyball Championships to be held in Darwin.
- d) A member of the St Clare's Snowsports Team selected to represent the ACT at the National Schools Snowboarding Championships in Perisher Valley.
- e) A member of one of St Clare's College weekend netball teams being selected in the Australian Schoolgirls Netball Team as a result of performances at National Championships.
- f) A member of the St Clare's College Dragon Boat Team selected to represent Australia at an international regatta in Hungary.

An example of an activity that would not qualify for assistance would be a student applying for financial assistance for a club event outside the domain of St Clare's College. For example a St Clare's College student representing the Woden Valley Football Club going to the World Junior Club Football Championships would not be granted assistance irrespective of the level of achievement.