

## 7. OSCAR PROGRAMME - SHIRLEY

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of a proposal to establish an OSCAR programme in Shirley to be located at Shirley Primary School, and to seek funding to enable the programme to commence at the beginning of the second school term.

### BACKGROUND

Reference to the Out of School Programme Draft Strategy and Area Implementation Plans submitted to the Board's 30 January 2002 meeting, indicates that a programme was provided by a private provider during last year. This programme did not continue this year and attendance numbers were low, possibly indicating the cost of the programme did not meet the needs of the area.

Discussions have been held between the Principal of Shirley Primary School, Shirley Community Trust and Council staff with a view to establishing an OSCAR programme located on the Shirley Primary School grounds. A prefab classroom adjacent to the school hall is vacant and could be made available for sole use of the programme.

### PROPOSAL

The Shirley Community Trust Community Worker in Shirley is interested in developing an after school programme in conjunction with OSCAR, and would undertake to manage the programme in the initial stages. The programme would run two days of Shirley Community Trust programme and three days of OSCAR programme, but would be run by the same staff.

The proposal is to provide a low cost programme from 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm, five days per week. Children attending would pay a small fee, approximately \$1.00 or \$2.00.

### ESTABLISHMENT COSTS

Costing is based on:

*One staff member to run the programme:* 3.5 hours per day at \$15 per hour, 5 days per week, 10 week term - \$2,625 per term.

Three and a half hours per day would include planning, setting up before the programme, and tidying up at the end of the programme. Parental contribution could meet other ongoing expenses such as overheads, equipment, training and planning.

There could be some additional costs involved to establish the programme, such as the purchase of equipment, materials and resources.

Funding to continue the programme for a full year will be sought from the Board's 2002/2003 Project Funds.

**Recommendation:** That a grant of up to \$5,000 from 2001/2002 SCAP funds be made to Shirley Community Trust to establish an after school programme to be located at Shirley Primary School during the second school term, and that the Board consider funding the programme for a full year from 2002/2003 Project Funds.

### Chairperson's

**Recommendation:** That the officer's recommendations be adopted.