

11. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – 2003/04 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to an application for funding from its 2003/04 Youth Development Fund.

The applicant is a 16-year-old boy residing in the Beckenham area, who is seeking funding to support his attendance representing Cashmere High School in their 1st XI Soccer Team to compete in a tournament (Southern Skies Soccer) to be held in Brisbane, Australia on 2 July 2004. Cashmere High School is the only New Zealand team competing.

The applicant has represented Canterbury in soccer and currently plays for both the Cashmere High School and Technical Reserves. Attendance at this tournament would assist immensely towards him gaining experience and furthering his playing career.

The School is in the process of fundraising for the team, and an application is currently under consideration with the Lion Foundation for funding to assist with uniforms. The applicant is also fundraising by way of selling raffle tickets, organising window cleaning and selling fire wood.

A letter of support has been provided by the 1st IX Soccer Team Coach, who advises that the applicant is an outstanding member of the team and well respected by his team mates. Attending a tournament such as Southern Skies Soccer will provide a wonderful experience for the him. It will provide him with an opportunity to play against soccer teams from other countries, thus promoting cultural tolerance and new friendships through sporting endeavours. It will also give him a goal for the year and a reason to train hard and achieve personal excellence in the field of soccer.

The applicant will further benefit by learning to become more independent and responsible for himself and his belongings when traveling and living overseas. Attendance at the tournament will also assist the entire team to strengthen and develop as a team unit.

The total cost of the trip per team member is \$2,000.

Staff

Recommendation: As there is a nil balance in the current year's Youth Development Fund, the Board consider allocating \$500 from its 2003/04 Discretionary Fund to support the applicant's attendance at the Southern Skies Soccer Tournament to be held in Brisbane, Australia on 2 July 2004.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the staff recommendation be supported.