

11. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATIONS - MATT HOLSTEIN, DARRAGH KENNY AND MICHAEL BAILEY

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present three applications for funding to the Board from the 2005/06 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The three applicants are:
 - (a) Matt Holstein a 16 year old student from St Bedes.
 - (b) Darragh Kenny a 15 year old student from St Bedes.
 - (c) Michael Bailey a 17 year old student from St Bedes.

Each applicant is seeking funds to assist in attending the Southern Skies Soccer Tournament in Brisbane as part of the St Bedes Development Squad. This event will take place from 2-9 July 2006.

3. This is the first time a soccer team from St Bedes has gone to such a tournament as rugby has always been the predominant winter sport for this school.
4. Matt Holstein applied to the Board 18 months ago for funding to attend a cricket tournament in Australia and was successful in securing \$500 funding.
5. This is the first time Darragh Kenny has approached the Board for funding support.
6. This is the first time Michael Bailey has approached the Board for funding support although his brother Richard was recently successful with his Youth Development Scheme application.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following tables provide a general overview of the funding requested:

Matt Holstein	
Expense	Cost (\$)
Airfare (return)	
Accommodation (seven nights)	
Food (eight days)	
Transport (transfers, inter-venue shuttle)	
Sportswear	
<i>Total Cost – includes above expenses</i>	<i>\$2,200 approx</i>
Fundraising efforts to date	\$618.02
Additional funds raised	\$750.00
Other funds to be raised	\$582.00
Amount Requested from Board	\$250.00

Darragh Kenny	
Expense	Cost (\$)
Airfare (return)	
Accommodation (seven nights)	
Food (eight days)	
Transport (transfers, inter-venue shuttle)	
Sportswear	
<i>Total Cost – includes above expenses</i>	<i>\$2,200 approx</i>
Fundraising efforts to date	\$300.00
Other funds yet to be raised	\$1,400.00
Amount Requested from Board	\$500.00

Michael Bailey	
Expense	Cost (\$)
Airfare (return)	
Accommodation (seven nights)	
Food (eight days)	
Transport (transfers, inter-venue shuttle)	
Sportswear	
<i>Total Cost – includes above expenses</i>	<i>\$2,200 approx</i>
Fundraising efforts to date	\$659.45
Other funds yet to be raised	\$1,040.00
Amount Requested from Board	\$500.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board fund provide \$250 each of funding to Matt Holstein, Darragh Kenny and Michael Bailey from the Board's 2005/06 Discretionary fund, in lieu of the Youth Development Scheme, for their attendance at the Southern Skies Soccer Tournament in Brisbane in July 2006.

BACKGROUND ON MATT HOLSTEIN

8. Matt Holstein lives in Horseshoe Lake Road (Burwood) and attends St Bedes College. Matt is a Year 12 student (6th form) at St Bedes and is a member of the St Bedes Soccer Development Team. Matt is also a keen cricket player, representing the school 1st XI Cricket Team. At present there are no days during the week (after school) where Matt does not have a sporting or school commitment. Both school and club soccer coaches have provided written references for Matt, and speak highly of his range of skills and work ethic.
9. Matt has, in conjunction with his 1st XI team-mates, undertaken a number of fundraising activities for this tournament in Brisbane. Since late 2005 Matt has raised \$618 for himself by being involved in activities such as sausage sizzles, movie nights, ice-skating nights, selling Christmas paper and picking up rubbish at the airport.
10. The total cost of attending the Blue Skies Tournament is \$2,200. Matt has raised \$618 through fundraising efforts and his mother has contributed a further \$750 leaving him 2.5 months to raise the remaining \$832.
11. Matt has previously received funding from the Board under the Youth Development Scheme for a school cricket trip to Australia. This funding was allocated approximately 18 months ago. The Board may wish to consider if they are prepared to fund individuals on more than one occasion.

BACKGROUND ON DARRAGH KENNY

12. Darragh Kenny lives in Carlsen Street (Burwood) and is a Year 11 student (5th form) at St Bedes College. Darragh is a member of the St Bedes 1st XI, has represented Canterbury at age group level for the last four years and also participates in the local Futsal (indoor soccer) League. In addition to his love of soccer Darragh is also a keen athlete competing in competitive athletics over the summer months. Both of the written references supporting this application, comment on the improvement Darragh has shown and his potential to develop into a special player.
13. Darragh has, in conjunction with his first eleven team-mates, undertaken a range of fundraising activities including kitchen/table waiting at the Convention Centre, sausages sizzles, movie evenings, selling Christmas paper and an ice skating event. Further fundraising events are planned for April/May.
14. The total cost of the Blue Skies Tournament is \$2,200 and to date Darragh has raised a total of \$300 leaving 2.5 months to raise the remaining \$1,900 hence this funding application.

BACKGROUND ON MICHAEL BAILEY

15. Michael Bailey lives in Chartwell Street (Burwood) and attends St Bedes College. Michael is a Year 13 student (7th form) and is a member of the St Bedes Soccer Development Team. Michael is a keen soccer player and in addition to outdoor soccer, Michael participates in the local Futsal League as well as playing regular indoor soccer as well. Michael also has a keen interest in golf and is developing his golf skills when his schedule allows. The references supporting this application state that Michael is a confident and valuable team member who is developing into an outstanding player.
16. Michael, has in conjunction with his soccer team-mates undertaken a range of fundraising activities for this tournament in Brisbane. Michael has raised \$650 through involvement in activities such as selling chocolates, sausage sizzles, selling Christmas wrapping paper, kitchen/table waiting at the Convention Centre, movie nights and picking up rubbish at the Airport.
17. The total cost of the Blue Skies Tournament is \$2,200 and to date Michael has raised a total of \$660 leaving 2.5 months to raise the remaining \$1,540 hence this funding application.
18. The Board are asked to note that although this is the first time Michael Bailey has approached the Board for funding support, his brother was recently successful with his Youth Development Scheme funding application and was granted \$250. The Board may wish to consider if they are prepared to fund more than one family member under this scheme.

ISSUES RAISED

19. Staff have been made aware of a number of issues regarding the Youth Development Scheme several of which have been highlighted in this report ie funding individuals from the same family, funding individuals who have previously received funding from this scheme.
20. These issues and others concerning the Youth Development Scheme will be raised for discussion in the 2005/06 end of year Project Funding Accountability report.