

## 7. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval for two applications for funding from its 2005/06 Discretionary Fund.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The two applications are:
  - (a) Robbie Smith, a 13 year old seeking funding to assist in representing Mainland Soccer at the Grade Squads Australia Trip in Sydney in the 14<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Development Team. This event will commence on 30 June 2006.
  - (b) Aidan Ponsonby, a 15 year old seeking funding to assist in representing St Bede's College Soccer Development at the Brisbane Southern Skies Tournament from 2 to 9 July 2006.
3. This is the first time the applicants have approached the Board for funding support.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. These applications have been made to the Board's Youth Development Scheme. These funds have been fully spent for the 2005/06 financial year, hence the applications are being referred to the Board's 2005/06 Discretionary fund.
5. There are no other legal issues to be considered. The following tables provides a breakdown of the funding requested:

<b>Robbie Smith</b>	
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Airfare (return)	\$ 657.14
Accommodation & Food (9 days)	\$1,060.46
Transport	\$ 57.14
Gear	\$ 67.66
Departure Tax	\$ 25.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$1,867.40</b>
Amount Raised by Applicant – as at April 2006	\$ 307.00
Anticipated amount of funds raised at end of fundraising activities	\$1,060 (approx)
Amount requested	\$ 500.00

<b>Aiden Ponsonby</b>	
<b>Expenses include</b>	
Airfare (return), Accommodation & Food (9 days), transport, tournament fees,	\$1,825
Insurance	\$ 75
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$1,900</b>
Amount Raised by Applicant – as at April 2006	\$ 500
Anticipated amount of funds raised at end of fundraising activities	\$ 900
Amount requested	\$ 500

## **BACKGROUND ON ROBBIE SMITH YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING REQUEST**

6. Robbie Smith started playing soccer when he was 6 years of age. Robbie attends Riccarton High School, and plays soccer for the school. Robbie was selected to represent Mainland Soccer in the 14<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Development Squad at the end of 2005. The 14<sup>th</sup> Grade Development Squad means all the boys in the team are under the age of 14 as at the beginning of this year. This squad will be participating in the Grade Squads Australia trip to Sydney in June 2006. This tournament involves top Sydney and State teams from their age group.
7. Robbie's main goal for attending the Grade Squad's Australia trip in Sydney in June 2006 is to further develop his skills by playing against high quality teams. Robbie's ultimate goal is to make the New Zealand team and play professionally. He also delivers the local community school newsletter.
8. The total cost of the trip is \$1,867.40. Robbie has been raising funds by selling chocolates, helping out with sausage sizzles, raffles, a garage sale, a fundraising evening at Clip and Climb, and picking up and bagging pine cones. They have also planned a number of fundraising activities before the end of June. Robbie also has a paper round and is saving this money towards his trip. It is anticipated that through the above activities Robbie will have raised \$1,000 individually leaving \$800 to be funded by the parents.

## **BACKGROUND ON AIDEN PONSONBY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING REQUEST**

9. Aiden Ponsonby started playing soccer when he was 8 years of age. Aiden lives in Yaldhurst and attends St Bede's College. He currently plays for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Soccer team for St Bede's College. Aiden was also selected for the St Bede's College Soccer Development Squad. The squad will be participating in the Brisbane Southern Skies Tournament in July 2006. This tournament involves top teams from around Queensland in his age group.
10. Aiden is passionate about soccer and his main goal for attending the Southern Skies Tournament in Brisbane is to further develop his skills. Aiden also sees the experience of travelling overseas as part of a team as a significant milestone. Aiden's ultimate goal is to improve his playing ability so that he becomes a great player. Aiden recently helped out with Canteen fundraising and Daffodil day, and is looking forward to doing some Junior coaching at his school this year.
11. The total cost of the trip is \$1,900. Aiden has been raising funds by selling chocolates, running movie nights, doing Christmas wrapping, working at Jade Stadium and conducting raffles. It is anticipated that through the above activities Aiden will have raised \$1,000 individually, leaving \$900 to be funded by the parents.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board allocate \$150 to each applicant from its 2005/06 Discretionary Fund to assist with costs associated with the applicants participating in their respective tournaments, namely the Grade Squads Australia trip to Sydney as a member of the 14<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Development Team 2006 and the Brisbane Southern Skies Tournament as a member of the St Bede's College Soccer Development Squad.