

9. YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUND – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Community Board approval for an application for funding from the 2006/07 Youth Achievement Fund. The current fund balance is \$5,100.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by the applicant, a 13 year old boy who lives in the Waltham area, towards costs associated with taking part in the Cashmere High School Music Tour to Australia in September 2006.
3. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Community Board for funding support.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following table details trip expenses and funding requested by the applicant.

EXPENSES FOR JAY MADGWICK-PAMMENT	Cost (\$)
Airfare (return, including airport tax), coach transfers, accommodation, luggage/instrument truck, travel insurance, 1 day pass to Dreamworld/Movieworld	\$1,900
Food allowance (\$22 per day)	\$ 152
Contingent/unexpected emergency cost/changes to travel/accommodation	\$ 130
Relief Teaching costs (for 5 days)	\$ 45
Tour of the Sydney Opera House	\$ 110
Music tour uniform	\$ 90
Billet expenses (snacks, Manly Ferry fare, etc)	\$ 100
Total Cost (incl of above items)	\$2,527
Amount to be contributed by applicant	\$2,100
Amount Requested from Community Board	\$ 400

BACKGROUND ON YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUND – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

5. Jay Madgwick-Pamment is a 13 year old, year 9 student at Cashmere High School who has been selected to participate in the Cashmere High School Music Tour to Australia. The purpose of this tour is two fold. Firstly, the tour aims to offer students the opportunity to perform in high quality groups in a variety of venues. These include local schools in Brisbane and Sydney as well as evening concerts to community groups. Secondly, the trip aims to show students some of the opportunities that exist in music beyond school. The trip to Australia will include a visit to the Sydney Opera House, meeting some of the musicians of the opera orchestra, attending an opera performance and also visiting the Sydney Conservatory of Music.
6. Jay has been playing the trumpet for six years and is currently diligently practising for his level, six trumpet exam. Jay has performed twice in the concert band for the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival at the Christchurch Town Hall. This year at Cashmere High School, Jay is a member of both the Junior and Senior Concert Bands and the Stage Band.
7. The music tour has been planned for nearly a year but Jay was only invited to join the group three weeks ago due to a senior student pulling out of the trip. Jay is by no means a second choice for this trip but the general rule for trips such as this are that year nine students are only invited to travel if there are no senior students that can attend.
8. Jay's late selection for the tour means he has not had the same fundraising opportunities as other families nor adequate time to save for the trip. The majority of the funding required for this trip will come from Jay's parents. He will be playing in a band on Thursday 24 August 2006 to raise some money towards this trip. Participants in the music tour depart on Saturday 16 September 2006 and return on Tuesday 26 September 2006.
9. The total cost of this tour is \$2,527 and Jay has requested \$400 funding from the Youth Achievement Fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board allocate \$400 to Jay Madgwick-Pamment to participate in the Cashmere High School Music Tour to Australia in September 2006.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.