

9. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME APPLICATION – CAMERON WALTON

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request to the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board for \$500 from its Youth Achievement Fund, by 15 year old Cameron Walton of Spreydon.
2. The request is for \$500 towards the cost of Cameron travelling to Japan to experience two weeks of living and learning in Japan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. Cameron Walton is a fifteen year old Hillmorton High School Student, residing in Lyttelton Street, Spreydon. Cameron is requesting funding support for a school organised learning trip to Japan in the April 2011 school holidays. As a keen student of the Japanese language, Cameron is heavily committed to raising the funds needed to be able to travel to Japan and live with a host family for two weeks. He works some ten hours per week for three different mail delivery firms, including the supervisor and problem solving role for one of the companies. He is also contributing to the school group fund raising activities and events.
4. The school promotes Celebrating Community and Diversity of one of its three key goals, and Cameron's enthusiasm contributes to this goal as he is focusing his efforts to achieving the experience of every day life in Japan: "using their transport, eating their food, staying with a host family, go to school – in our holidays, being in and learning about their culture and much more!"
5. Cameron has demonstrated a strong aptitude for learning and effort across a diverse range of subjects in his school career to date, including a Gold award for high quality results across five different subjects (Whaia te iti Kahurangi):

Year Six: The Hoon Hay School 2006 Diligence Award

Year Seven: The Certificate of Achievement for Academic Achievement, Diligence, Citizenship, Service and General Excellence

Year Eight: The Certificate of Achievement (same as Year 7)
Top student in metal and wood
Excellence in Korean language

Year Nine: Commendable effort in Mathematics
Commendable effort in IT
Gold "Whaia te iti Kahurangi" Academic Achievement
First in Music
Second in Science
Third in English
Third in Japanese

6. This is Cameron's second year of learning Japanese. His teacher reports a real interest in Japanese language and Japanese culture; also that Cameron goes the extra mile in learning by actively seeking extra work on top of the basic course, and undertaking home study with good results. Japanese is ranked first in his list of school interests followed by mountain biking, music, and enterprise studies. In his spare time he enjoys playing the guitar as well as furthering his Japanese studies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. This is the first time that the applicant has requested funding from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board. This application is not considered a high priority as his participation is not based on a selection process due to outstanding achievement, but is part of a school trip.

The total cost of the trip including travel and accommodation has been estimated at between \$4,626.06 and \$3,825.01 depending on the currency exchange rate. Progress of funds gathered, the shortfall at the time of writing, and grant request is as follows:

Activity	Achieved
Fund raising events share	\$320
Savings from mail delivery jobs	\$2,000
Total	\$2,320
Remaining minimum-maximum shortfall	\$1,505 - \$2,306
Amount requested from Community Board	\$500

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

8. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

9. There are no legal considerations.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Yes.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

11. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. This application aligns with the following Council Strategies:
- Strengthening Communities Strategy
 - Youth Strategy
13. This application contributes to the following Board Objectives:
- A culturally inclusive Spreydon/Heathcote Community

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board declines a Youth Achievement grant of \$500 to Cameron Walton towards the costs of travel and accommodation on his learning trip to Japan.

CHAIRPERSONS RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.