



DONCASTER
SECONDARY COLLEGE

EXTRA-CURRICULAR / CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

College council will review this policy every three years or as directed by DET

Date approved: August 2018

Date of next review: 2021

RATIONALE

Doncaster Secondary College Council receives a number of requests for financial assistance from students who are participating in activities: intrastate, interstate or overseas. These students may either be representing the College or participating privately. The College considers it important to support students in their extra-curricular / co-curricular activity and sporting endeavours for their participation contributes significantly to their personal development, as well as allowing talented students to act as role models for their peers. The College has benefited directly from the contribution of such students through their participation in College extra-curricular / co-curricular activities and through community recognition of their successes. College Council will consider supporting students in their endeavours by providing an appropriate level of financial assistance.

DEFINITION

There are four categories of financial assistance available to students:

Category 1

Assistance to an individual student who is participating in an extra-curricular / co-curricular activity as a College representative.

Category 2

Assistance to a student in an extra-curricular / co-curricular activity offered at the College, but in which the student is participating privately.

Category 3

Assistance to a student who is participating in an extra-curricular / co-curricular activity which is not offered at the College.

Category 4

Assistance to a College team or a group of students participating in an extra-curricular / co-curricular activity.

PURPOSE

At Doncaster Secondary College, all students are active participants in a learning culture which promotes academic excellence and personal growth through a diversity of experiences. Members of the Doncaster Secondary College community value and develop a sense of self-worth and an awareness of their own abilities. The College provides curriculum programs and co-curricular activities which promote academic excellence, cater for student interests and career aspirations, and prepare students for the responsibilities of adulthood. Therefore, in line with College values, students are actively encouraged to participate in a range of co-curricular programs, including sport, music, drama and academic competitions, to enhance their opportunities for the development of personal excellence and responsibility. Students' efforts and achievements receive positive reinforcement.

This policy reflects College values and assists students in achieving personal excellence.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Assistance will only be granted to students whose College Contribution has been paid in full for the current year.

Students cannot participate until parent contributions including Parent Services fees (except Building Fund Donation, College Library Fund, College Chaplain and Working Bee Contributions) have been paid in full or until an agreement in writing has been made and activated by Doncaster Secondary College to pay the fees by instalments. In instances where team / group members have not paid fee assistance will be based on a prorata calculation.

2. Recipients of financial assistance will be requested to submit a report to Council concerning their participation in the activity.
3. Second and subsequent requests for assistance from students or teams / groups will be considered.
4. The student(s) seeking assistance should submit a written request to the Principal, outlining details of the extracurricular event and his/her involvement.
5. After examining the merits of each application and having decided to sponsor the student(s), the Principal may award up to the following amounts or present the request to College Council.
6. The College Council decision is final

Category 1&2 College Representation in an Individual Extra-Curricular / Co-Curricular Activity Competition in an activity offered at Doncaster Secondary College

Intrastate	\$180
Interstate	\$360
International	\$600

Category 3 Involvement in an Extra-Curricular / Co-Curricular Activities not offered at Doncaster Secondary College

Intrastate	\$90
Interstate	\$180
International	\$300

Category 4 College Teams / Groups or Extra Co-Curricular Groups

The assistance will be provided for the team / group rather than for individuals. The amount of assistance will take into account the number of students involved and will be determined following an examination of the team or group's requirements by College Council.