

St Stephen's  
Catholic College



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# St Stephen's News

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## St Stephen's Catholic College has Brazil in its sights!



St Stephen's Catholic College was well represented at the recent Federation of Australian Futsal National Interschool Titles held on the Gold Coast. With ten teams in each division, our U16 team placed fourth in their category, with the U13 and U14 teams placing second and third respectively in their category. The U13 team has now been given the opportunity to represent Australia at the Interschool World Titles being held in Brazil next year. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the titles.

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# NOTICES

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



### Year 12 Block Exams

7 - 11 November 2016

### P and F Meeting

Tuesday 15 November 2016

### Year 12 Graduation

Friday 18 November 2016

### Year 7 to Year 11 Exam Week

Monday 21 to Friday 25 November 2016

### Final School Mass and last day of school

Friday 25 November 2016

### Year 6 Transition Day

Wednesday 30 November 2016

## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Second-hand uniforms donations are greatly appreciated. Please leave at Student Services.

## TERM DATES 2016

Term Four: October 4 - November 18 (Year 12)

October 4 - November 25 (Years 7 - 11)

## CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H)

**Room: S5**

**Monday and Tuesday Recess 2**

**Thursday morning before school**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



## MATHEMATICS TUITION

Students seeking help with their Mathematics may attend a tuition/homework class on Tuesday and Thursday lunch time in MCR. Mr Ellison will be in attendance on Tuesdays and Miss Sugars will be in attendance on Thursdays to assist students at both Junior and Senior levels with any difficulties they may be experiencing. All welcome!!

## ENROL NOW FOR 2017

All new students must have an enrolment interview; this includes those who already have siblings attending St Stephen's Catholic College.

Contact Mrs Denise Morrow to arrange an enrolment interview.

Phone: 4086 2523

## ABSENTEE E-MAIL

If your child is absent, please email [absentee@sscc.qld.edu.au](mailto:absentee@sscc.qld.edu.au)

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Please inform the college if your child has achieved success in an extra-curricular activity not directly related to school, so that the college community can celebrate these achievements. Please email Mrs Pinese ([principal@sscc.qld.edu.au](mailto:principal@sscc.qld.edu.au)) with any information and photos.

## CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS?

To ensure communication is received, please advise the college if you have changed your email address.

Please email the office

[office@sscc.qld.edu.au](mailto:office@sscc.qld.edu.au) or phone 4086 2500.





## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen's Catholic College,

***"If you fail to plan, you plan to fail."* (Benjamin Franklin)**

With just over two weeks left of the school year, students should be in the final stages of preparation for the assessment, which must be completed prior to departing at 3.00 pm on Friday, 25 November. While most students appreciate the many hours of practice that are required to attain success on the sporting field, some fail to devote the same degree of preparation and planning to their assessment tasks. It is the expectation of the college that all students work effectively until the very last day, when the year finishes with morning tests, a thanksgiving mass and a final school assembly.



Once students have departed, our teaching staff will spend their final week finalising reports, welcoming our future Year 7 students on a transition day and planning for 2017. Not only our students, but also our teachers experience the busyness of this last term. In preparation for their graduation on 18 November, the Year 12 cohort and their teachers are completing all the necessary steps to ensure that the process is a smooth one. It has been a challenging year for our senior students and I once again commend them for their resilience in the face of adversity and encourage them to keep working hard to the very end to achieve their goals. Their last day will be both a celebration of twelve years of schooling and sadness at leaving the security of St Stephen's Catholic College. The whole school assembly, at which Year 12 parents are invited, from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm, will be followed by a graduation mass at St Thomas' Church at 5.45 pm on the evening of 18 November.

With the departure of Year 12, the mantle of leadership will be passed on to the future leaders of 2017. After a rigorous election process, the successful leaders were announced at assembly on Monday 7 November. These leaders, who will be inducted in 2017 at the college's opening mass, are listed at the end of this report. I congratulate all students who applied for positions and thank them for their commitment to the leadership process. In 2017, further elections will occur for Student Representative Council home form members and Pastoral House representatives from each year level. Through the servant leadership model espoused by our Catholic identity, leaders experience growth through service to others.

One of our greatest strengths as a college is the quality of our staff, both teaching and non-teaching. At the end of each year, there are often movements in staffing due to relocations for personal or professional reasons. While we are still in the process of recruiting for 2017, I am pleased to announce that the following staff will join our St Stephen's family next year:

Mrs Leah Bool	Religion, English and History
Ms Natalie Leo	Science and Mathematics
Mr Paul MacCallum	Middle Leader Pastoral
Mr Aaron O'Neill	Middle Leader Health and Physical Education
Mrs Rosetta Musso	School Officer - Administration

In addition, Mr Richard Baker has been appointed in the newly-created position of E-Learning Leader and Miss Janai Sugars takes over as the Middle Leader for the Arts/LOTE. In the final edition of the newsletter, I will provide an update of further recruitment of staff, as well as farewelling those who are leaving our community. Last Wednesday, we celebrated the extensive service to Catholic education in the Diocese of Cairns of two educators: Mr Frank Caines (twenty years) and Mrs Susan Donovan (twenty-five years). Congratulations for your commitment to the education of many young people during this time.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is important that our students honour all their commitments before they leave on the last day of term, so I thank parents in advance for ensuring that Years 7 to 11 are in attendance until 3.00 pm on Friday 25 November. With approximately eight weeks of holidays before school recommences on Monday 23 January 2017, it is important that students do not depart for early holidays, as their outcomes may be compromised due to their inability to complete tests scheduled for the last week of term.

With Trust in the Lord,

Mrs Ida Pinese | Principal  
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## - COLLEGE LEADERS 2017 -

### College Captains

Matthew Cheesman, Ashley Greenwood, Amelia Aitken and Tulani Lea'uanae

### Pastoral House Leaders

Augustine  
Deacon  
McAuley  
Muluridji

Adam Gampe and Codey Panetta  
Alex Phillips and Isabelle Nisbet  
Matthew Crane and Danielle Gallo  
Anthony Cuda and Dayna Poggioli

### Student Representative Council

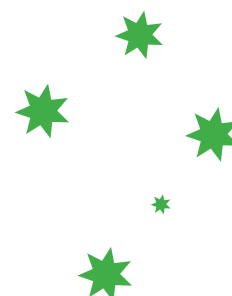
President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Maddison Leonforte  
Marco Soncin  
Antonio Cabassi  
John Tomerini

### Social Justice Committee

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Committee Members

Macy Pezzelato  
Sabine Conolly  
Claudia Roeser  
Matthew De Faveri  
Abbey Chester  
Emily Ernst  
Georgia Hatfield  
Jarred Moreno  
Hayley Skinner



## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Donation of St Stephen's Day Funds

The St Stephen's Day Fete was a great success with stalls including Pokemon Throw, Mexican Nachos, Human Bungy, Cent Sale and many more, raising \$2,700.00 in one hour. The Social Justice Committee has decided to donate these funds to "Variety – The Children's Charity", in memory of Elyse Miller-Kennedy. Variety provides assistance to children who are sick, disadvantaged or who have special needs and require specialist care and equipment. Elyse began fundraising for this cause early this year and was passionate about assisting young people in need, which inspired the Social Justice Committee to contribute much needed funds to this worthy cause.



### Social Justice Rice Meal

Students, parents and staff from our college community are invited to attend the Rice Meal to be held on Saturday 12 November at 7.00 pm in St Thomas' School staffroom, following 6.00 pm mass. This event is held to raise money and support for the Tableland Prison Ministry initiative and those who attend are asked to bring a donation. For further information or if you would like to attend, please contact the Parish Office or Mrs Laura Gilbert.

### Muddy Soles Catholic Youth Conference

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are invited to attend the Muddy Soles Youth Festival, which will be held on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 November, at the Seville Mercy Centre in Cairns. This weekend is an initiative of Cairns Catholic Youth Ministry, focusing on leadership and social justice formation through workshops, keynote presentations, prayer, music and discussion. Festival registration is \$50.00 per person and includes all meals and dormitory style accommodation. The college is willing to sponsor students to attend this weekend. Interested students should see Mrs Gilbert for an application form.

### November – A Month of Remembrance

November is a month of remembrance in the Catholic Church. All Saints' Day (1 November) and All Souls' Day (2 November) remind us that God has a special plan for everyone. Before we were born, God willed for us to live with him forever. When we are baptised, we become part of a special family called the communion of saints, who share in Jesus' gift of his holiness.

The saints are people who said "yes" to God's plan for them and are now in heaven. While some are formally recognised by the Catholic Church, there could be millions and billions of people who have attained sainthood (are with God in heaven). On All Saints' Day, we praise and thank God for what he has done for us through these holy people. We ask the saints to pray for us, that we might love our God and neighbour the way Jesus taught us. On All Souls Day, we pray for all people who have died. We ask God to bring them to the joyful banquet of heaven to be with God and the saints forever.

Students and staff are invited to gather for prayer in the chapel on Wednesday mornings throughout the month of November, to pray for and remember loved ones who have died and to ask God for his strength as we continue on our Christian journey.

*Let nothing trouble you. Let nothing frighten you.  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
God alone fills us. (St Teresa of Avila)*

**Mrs Laura Gilbert**  
**Assistant Principal Religious Education**

## FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER CURRICULUM - ARTS AND LOTE DEPARTMENT

St Stephen's Catholic College recently had the great pleasure to showcase the Years 7 to 12 Visual Arts students' artworks. Congratulations to all the students whose paintings, drawings, photos and ceramic pieces were exhibited - many of you are very talented. It was particularly pleasing to see the very creative artworks of senior students: Leisl Askey-Doran, Chloe Cleland, Daria Long, Arielle Durano and Maggie Dowd. During this Art Exhibition, many Music and Drama students also took the opportunity to display their skills. I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate Tulani Lea'uanae for her delightful performance on the harp, Antonio Cabassi and Julian Gueho for their very skilled guitar and piano recital and Brianne So Choy, Cooper McGrath and Brendan Wright for their guitar solos. Thank you also to Lillian Legge, Annalisse Troncone, Georgia Santucci and Holly Bryce for their lovely vocal duets and ensemble. Many of these students are also talented Drama students. Thank you for the variety of dramatic performances presented during the night. I particularly take this opportunity to congratulate a very promising young man Alex Phillips. This display of skill however, could not have happened without the commitment and hard work of my colleagues, Miss Todd, Ms Sugars and Mrs Malcolm, as well as the help and support of the LOTE teachers, Mr Priestly and Miss Nozaic. My thanks also go to Ms Taniguchi, Mr Bozzo and Mrs Vedelago who assisted each one of us during the night.



The LOTE Department was delighted to hand out special language awards at the Awards Night. Mason Blaney in Year 8 and Mikaela Millerd in Year 9 received the Dante Alighieri Award offered by the Cairns Italian Dante Alighieri Society. Arwen Rose in Year 9, received an Alliance Française Award offered by the Cairns Alliance Française. These awards recognise achievement in the study of the target language, knowledge and appreciation of the target language culture, a willingness to participate and a commitment to continue the study of the target language. Congratulations to these students. I also wish the very best to all students who will continue to learn a language next year.

As I am stepping down from the position of Middle Leader Curriculum at the end of this year, I would like to thank each member of the Art and LOTE Department for their support this year and offer them my best wishes for next year.

**Mrs Françoise Nozaic**  
**Middle Leader Curriculum - The Arts and LOTE**

## FROM THE ARTS AND LOTE DEPARTMENT - VISUAL ART

Term four has seen our Visual Art students furiously creating a variety of artworks before they go on their well-earned holidays. For the first time at St Stephen's Catholic College, Year 10 Visual Art students have been asked to create a "Trashion" wearable art piece. They are in the process of creating a formal outfit using materials that would end up in landfill in order to bring attention to sustainability and the environment. You can see some of their lead-up newspaper dresses in this article.

Three of St Stephen's Catholic College Senior Visual Art students are exhibiting their works in the SNAP! Exhibition which is running from 11 November through to the 31 January, at the Old Post Office Gallery in Atherton. This exhibition, now in its second year, is a showcase of Senior Visual Art students' work from the Tablelands Region. Maggie Dowd (Year 12), Chloe Cleland (Year 11) and Isabelle Nisbet (Year 11) have submitted work of a high standard for the public to enjoy.





## FROM THE ARTS AND LOTE DEPARTMENT - JAPANESE

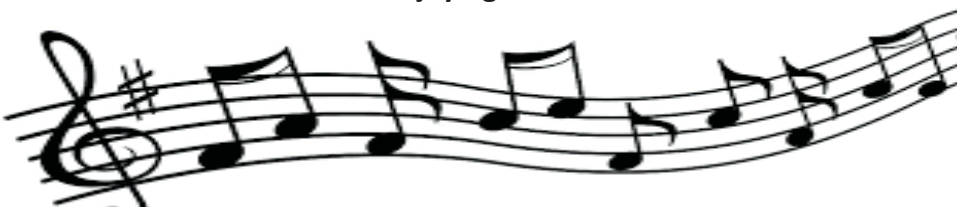
The Year 7 elective students are working hard with their basic Japanese communication skills. In week eight, we will join with the French class and enjoy a variety of dishes from the respective countries - a great way to finish the year. Preparation has started for the 2017 Japan Trip. Students were invited to a meeting to express their interest and this was followed by a parent information evening. Since then, students who were interested in attending will have submitted their applications. The trip is not until September 2017, but students will know if their application has been successful or not by the end of week seven. Below is a photo of the English classroom at our sister school in Japan. Aaron Bryce was asked to share some information about himself in English. Our sister school is looking forward to interacting with our students.



## FROM THE ARTS AND LOTE DEPARTMENT - MUSIC



Year 7 students enjoying music lessons this term



# AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION AWARDS

All students who received a Distinction and High Distinction from the Australian Mathematics Competition were awarded their certificates at assembly on Monday. Students who received Distinction awards achieved in the top 20% of the state, while High Distinction were for the top 5% in the state.

## High Distinctions

### Year 11

Matthew Crane  
Aaron Bryce

## Distinctions

### Year 7

Jett Prien  
Mackenzie Stankovich

## Distinctions

### Year 8

Morrison Boden

### Year 9

Deborah Hermanus  
Arwen Rose  
Teagan Schermer

## Distinctions

### Year 10

Paulina Bernhardi  
Lachlan Greenwood  
Moses Hannett-Wade  
Joshua Kievit

### Year 12

Bryan Herrington  
Vivek Kolala  
Kate Wilcox



Students were presented with their certificates by Middle Leader Curriculum: Mathematics, Mr Christopher Ellison. Back row: Mr Ellison, Morrison Boden, Arwen Rose, Lachlan Greenwood, Moses Hannett-Wade, Joshua Kievit and Matthew Crane. Front row: Teagan Schermer, Deborah Hermanus, Jett Prien, Mackenzie Stankovich, Paulina Bernhardi and Aaron Bryce. Year 12 students Bryan Herrington, Vivek Kolala and Kate Wilcox were not in attendance, as the Year 12 block exams had commenced. Congratulations to all students!



## YEAR 8 COMMUNITY DAY

On Friday 28 October, the Year 8 students and home form teachers enjoyed a community day at Sugarworld, Edmonton. This was an opportunity for students have a fun day out of the classroom, to get to know some of their peers and to celebrate a delightful and successful year together. All students should be congratulated on their effort and behaviour throughout the day. A huge thank you to Ersilia Phipps and her team from Sugarworld for providing a fantastic venue and amazing hospitality. Also a special mention to Mr Luff, Mr Herral, Mrs Malcolm, Mr Baker and Mrs Bulst for giving up their time to be on the Year 8 community day. Their help and support was greatly appreciated and valued.



I would like to extend a warm welcome to Katlyn Broad who has joined the Year 8 cohort this term.

Congratulations to those students who received a variety of awards at our annual Awards Night earlier in the term. It is fantastic to see such an extensive list of students who have been consistently working hard to achieve their best in a variety of fields.

Best of luck to all students during these final few weeks of school. Even though our school year is nearly at a close, there is still plenty of work and assessments to be completed. Students will still have tests and assignments until the last day, Friday 25 November.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Year 8 cohort for a wonderful year together and wish them all the best for Year 9 next year!

**Mrs Leah Heath**  
**Middle Leader Pastoral - Year 8**



**Year 8 students and their teachers celebrating their community day at Sugarworld!**



# YEAR 10 GINGERBREAD HOUSES



Pictured above is Darcy Houlihan ensuring the sides of the house are in place. Darcy and Thomas Roesler worked together to complete their gingerbread house.



Emily Driscoll and Elena Pilat also collaborated to complete their gingerbread house.





## YEAR 10 GINGERBREAD HOUSES



The finished masterpieces!



Bianca Vecchio-Ruggeri and Lacey Burns



Rhys Cooper and Cody Ciranni



Mitchell Jenkins and Umberto Srhoj



Ella Ryan and Chantelle Hall



# QUEENSLAND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FOUNDATION

St Stephen's Catholic College is very proud of Year 12 students, Fenella Hartley and Jacinta Hastie-Hooley, as they received a certificate from Mrs Pinese for their QATSIF scholarship. QATSIF stands for "Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation". The funds used by QATSIF for its programs and activities, are drawn from the interest earned on the original capital provided to The Public Trustee to establish the Trust. Built from the labour of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders under now-repealed laws, preserving this capital means the toil of previous generations will have a direct benefit to the generations that follow. Both students had to meet strict selection criteria relating to academic success and a minimum of 85% attendance at school. Congratulations Fenella and Jacinta!



Fenella Hartley and Jacinta Hastie-Hooley  
with their Scholarship Certificates



## Indigenous Swimming Carnival 26<sup>th</sup> November At the Mareeba Swimming Pool Abbott Street



\$2.50 Entry Fee  
Food and drinks available for purchase  
Games and Give-aways

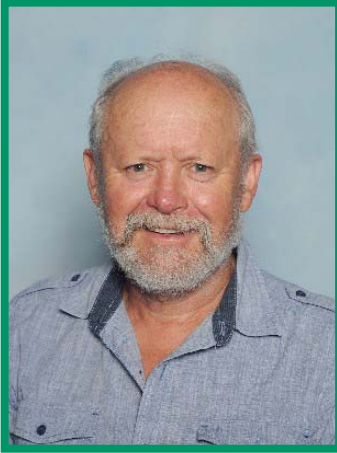
**Nominations close 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Thanks to our Sponsors:



**PCYC Mareeba** - Contact April Ph: (07) 4092 4231  
Or Email [marsportnrec@pcyc.org.au](mailto:marsportnrec@pcyc.org.au)  
For nominations

## LONG-SERVING TEACHERS HONOURED



Last week, Mr Frank Caines and Mrs Susan Donovan were acknowledged for their 20 years and 25 years respectively of service to Catholic Education, Cairns Diocese.



Congratulations!

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### St Thomas's Church, Mareeba

Christmas Eve - Saturday 24 December

Family/Vigil Mass: Carols from 6.30pm with mass starting at 7.00pm

Midnight Mass: Carols from 11.30pm with mass starting at midnight

Christmas Day - Sunday 25 December

Mass at 10.00am

### St Christopher's Kuranda

Christmas Eve - Saturday 24 December

Carols from 8.30pm, with mass starting at 9.00pm

### St Anthony's, Dimbulah

Christmas Day - Sunday 25 December

Mass at 8.00am



Mass times can also be found on the Cairns Diocesan website  
<http://www.cairns.catholic.org.au/>



## SUCCESS FOR ST STEPHEN'S AT THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FUTSAL TITLES

This year, St Stephen's had three teams represent the school at the Federation of Australian Futsal National Titles. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and determination these students put into both their training and at the tournament. They have displayed the highest respect on and off the court with their team mates, coaches and other teams. They have been training hard since school resumed at the beginning of 2016 and their efforts paid off on the court. With ten teams in each division, the 16 year boys placed fourth, and our 14 year boys placed third and our 13 year boys placed second in the under 14's division. We are very excited to announce that the 13 year boys team have now been given the opportunity to represent Australia at the Interschool World Titles in Brazil. Congratulations to the students (pictured below) who have been selected to represent Queensland at the National Futsal Titles in January. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Luch Avolio, Andrew Osborne and Peter Ius for volunteering their time to coach the teams.

**Miss Deanne Morrow**  
**Middle Leader Sports and Activities**



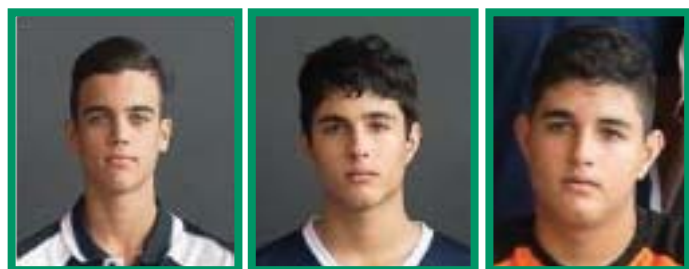
**13 Year Boys Team - Back row: Luch Avolio (coach), Milan Quintieri, Tyler Ius, Logan Acha, Liam Haendel and Daniel Rossi. Front row: Deane Alterio, Julius Srhoj and Damian Avolio (team captain).**



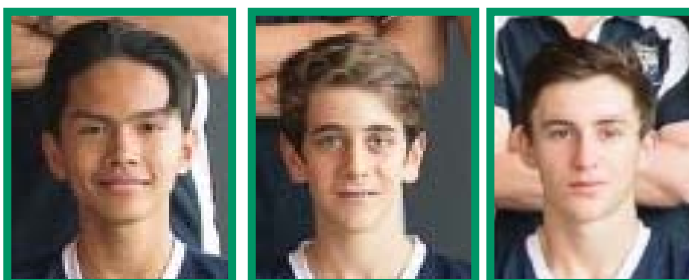
**14 Year Boys Team - Back row: Deanne Morrow, Peter Ius (coach), Tristan Barletta, Serg Battistin (team captain) and Ilario Pozzebon (assistant coach). Front row: Morrison Boden, Giovanni Gallo, Luke Barletta, Liam Pozzebon and Eryk Legaspi.**



**Damian Avolio, Deane Alterio and Milan Quintieri**



**Serg Battistin, Tristan Barletta and Luke Barletta**



**Eryk Legaspi, Liam Pozzebon and Leon Peressini**



**16 Year Boys Team - Back row: Deanne Morrow, Brandon Osborne, Lane Hanush, Houston Poggioli and Andrew Osborne (coach). Front row: Leon Peressini (team captain), Dylan Cappella, Dean Lambert, Marco Soncin and Layton Osborne.**



## LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPIONS - FUNDING

Round Three applications for the 2016-17 Local Sporting Champions grant (\$500.00) is now open and closes on 28 February 2017. The next Round 1 for the 2017-18 year opens on 1 March 2017 and closes on 30 June 2017.

[http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/local\\_sporting\\_champions](http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/local_sporting_champions)

In order to be eligible to apply for a Local Sporting Champions grant, young people must meet the following criteria:

- Be turning 12 to 18 years of age in the same calendar year as the nominated sporting championship.
- Be an Australian citizen or have been granted permanent resident status, residing in Australia.
- Be participating as an athlete, coach, umpire or referee in:
  - o an official state championships endorsed by the relevant Australian Sports Commission (ASC) recognised national sporting organisation (NSO), or
  - o an official state school sport championship endorsed by a School Sport Australia member body
  - o an official national championships endorsed by the relevant ASC recognised NSO
  - o a national school sport championships endorsed by School Sport Australia
  - o an international competition as a member of an official Australian team, endorsed by an ASC recognised NSO or School Sport Australia.
- Be living more than 125km from the championship venue, and travelling greater than 250km return to participate in the nominated championship.
- Must complete and submit application to the ASC prior to the nominated championship commencing.
- Must not have received a Local Sporting Champions grant for an application submitted in the same allocation year (1 March - 29 February).
- Must not have received \$500 or more in federal government funding for the nominated championship.
- Must not be participating in a professional competition that involves prize money greater than \$500.
- Note: Saved applications must be completed and submitted prior to the championship.



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