

## **Policy for Request for Financial Assistance for Students Gaining Sporting or Cultural Representative Honours**

### Background

From time to time students from Mt Maria College are selected in district, regional, state and national sporting teams. This normally occurs as a result of participation in representative school teams. Sometimes, however, such honours are gained without prior school representation. Students also perform with distinction in other fields of endeavour, such as artistic, academic or community activities.

The Parents & Friends Association considers that all such students are ambassadors for their school and deserve recognition and support. As a consequence, the Association is prepared to offer financial assistance of up to \$100 to the parents/guardians of such students to help offset the costs involved.

Mt Maria College's P&F works tirelessly towards providing Mt Maria College with extra resources to benefit our Students and Staff. The assistance provided to students is on a case by case basis. It is a way of giving back to students and families, as we too are proud of students' achievements. All approvals are at the P&F Committees discretion. We simply ask that throughout the year each family or student volunteers for an activity or donate to the P&F Pantry.

### Guidelines

No assistance shall be provided to students selected in North West district teams or school immersion programs. Assistance shall be limited to those students selected in regional, state or national teams.

The financial assistance provided by the Association shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee and each application for assistance will be considered on its merits.

Each application will be brought before a general meeting and a motion moved for the financial assistance.

Students who, through their representation of Mt Maria College, excel in artistic, academic or community activities will receive similar support of up to \$100.

Consideration may also be given to students who excel in sporting, artistic, academic or community activities that are not school based. The maximum amount provided per child per year, will also be up to \$100. Students or their parents/guardians must submit a written application for assistance with a copy of the levy notice or letter from the organising group outlining the compulsory costs, together with details of any other costs they wish to be considered such as travel or accommodation.