

Ainslie School P&C - Opportunity and Achievement Policy

The purpose of this policy is to provide financial support to recognise current students representing the school in approved activities or providing current students with an opportunity to participate in a sporting, academic, cultural, community or artistic experience. An amount will be agreed upon each year by the P&C committee that will be dedicated to supporting applications related to this policy.

Proposal

That the P&C is able to provide financial assistance to support families where an achievement has led to an Ainslie School student representing the school for sport, academic or artistic reasons.

That the P&C is able to offer a small allowance to families that incur out of pocket expenses from attending selected representative sports, academic or artistic events which are held outside the ACT at national or International level. It is intended as a small assistance, not a reimbursement for all expenses incurred. It is also an acknowledgment by the school community of the achievement of the student.

That the P&C is able to provide financial assistance to support students to participate in a sporting, academic or artistic experience that may greatly value but do not have the financial capacity to experience.

This document describes the policy and how it would be implemented. The policy could be made available on the P&C page of the website and all teachers would be regularly reminded of the policy.

Payment of **any** Representative or Opportunity Allowance is at the discretion of the P&C Executive Committee.

General Guidelines

- Allowances may be provided by the P&C to contribute to the cost of an Ainslie student participating in a national or international level sporting competition under the umbrella of School Sports Australia or equivalent.
- Allowances may be provided for academic or artistic endeavours if the activity is considered by the P&C to be comparable to representation in a national or international sporting event. This will be considered on an event-by-event basis.
- Applications involving complete teams may also be considered, either an amount per participant or team.
- Allowances may be provided to students who have shown a talent or interest in participating in a sporting, academic or artistic experience but may not have the financial means to experience.

Amount

- Amounts will be assessed on a case by case basis. As a guide funding may be provided for a student who is representing their school to the value of between \$100-\$200 per event depending on the location of the event (for example in NSW or based in WA) and the number of overnight stays that may be required.
- As a guide for an opportunity allowance the amount may be determined based on the type of event and the requirements. For example is it a one-off event with

no equipment required or is it a sporting team and a uniform is required.

Application process

- Parent to complete application form (attached to this policy). Financial support from the P&C is not automatic on qualification for a national or international event. Parents/Carers must apply.

Explanatory Notes:

The P&C wishes to support sporting, academic and artistic achievements or opportunities for Ainslie School students.

- Sports representation usually follows a defined progression through school, district, region, state. The summary of School Sports Australia is attached to this proposal. Representation outside this list is to be at the discretion of the P&C.
- Academic (e.g. debating, chess, Tournament of Minds) and Artistic (e.g. music, dance) events do not usually follow such a defined pathway and should be discussed on a case by case basis by the P&C. This allows the P&C more flexibility to find suitable events to support.
- The “discretionary” nature of the allowance is to allow flexibility.
- P&C may choose to grant the allowance in special cases that might not otherwise meet the formal eligibility criteria.
- P&C may choose **NOT** to grant the allowance in cases where a large number of students happen to apply (such that the P&C cannot afford to fund everyone).
- Opportunities for students will be awarded on a case by case basis and will rely on support for the application from not only the parent but teacher at the school.

Teaching staff or parents may alert the P&C to upcoming events that may be eligible. If possible the P&C will advertise events that it is supporting (by school newsletter or other means). Students who have received financial support may be asked to discuss the experience with their class or write a short piece for the Altiora, website or Facebook page.

Application form for the Ainslie School P&C Opportunity or Achievement Allowance:

To Apply:

- Complete the form below
- Return it to the front office or email
- For any questions about eligibility feel free to contact the P&C President

APPLICATION FORM

Student Name	
Event Name or Experience	
Estimated expenses	
Date(s) of event and location	
Overnight Stay?	Y / N (circle one)
If yes, number of nights	
Parent name(s)	
Parent email address (or mob. phone)	
Additional information – can you please provide confirmation from the School Principle, event coordinator or team manager about your child’s participation in the event or experience (for example an e-mail, letter or certificate provided to the P&C President nova@homemail.com.au)	

Agreement to report back to your class or school about the experience (this can be done in consultation with your child's teacher and can be anything from a couple of paragraphs, pictures, presentation, facebook post, or small story in the Alitora).	Yes / no.
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Note

Payment of **any** allowance is at the discretion of the P&C Executive Committee.