



## **Sponsorship of Clarence School Visits to Akkeshi, Japan**

### **Purpose of the sponsorship**

Council wishes to enhance its community ties with its sister city Akkeshi, Japan via this on-going sponsorship program.

This sponsorship will assist in consolidating Clarence's relationship with its sister city of Akkeshi and integrating Clarence schools with any current Council sister city projects.

The sponsorship will also develop a basis for the continuing cultural exchange between the Clarence and Akkeshi school communities and encourage the continued development of sister schools.

Program sponsorship is to fund return domestic airfares within Japan en route to Akkeshi.

### **Limits of sponsorship**

Requests must be made in writing to the General Manager of Clarence City Council.

Requests will be assessed by Council based on the schools commitment to the principles and objectives of the sponsorship program and their eligibility.

Council will allocate \$10,000 per annum for the program. The sponsorship requested must fall within Council's budget allocation for that year, together with any unexpended funds specifically allocated for this purpose from previous years.

In the event that multiple schools make eligible requests, sponsorship funds will be divided proportionately between schools to ensure equitable distribution of funds is made.

*For example; 2 schools make requests which are considered eligible. The first school has nominated a group of 40, the second school 10. If the allocated funds were \$10,000, then the calculation would be  $\$10,000 \div 50$  (total number of students) = a grant of \$200 per student.*

### **Timeline for sponsorship**

Applications for grant funds will be open from 15 February until 30 April each year.

Applications will be assessed and Schools notified by 30 May the same year.

## **Eligibility for sponsorship**

Schools interested in applying for a sponsorship grant must meet the following requirements. They must also follow the application process within the specified timeframes:

- Sponsorship is for a school group and must consist of 2 or more students.
- The applicant school which is organising the proposed visit to Akkeshi must be located in the City of Clarence to be eligible.
- The applicant school must make a commitment to visit Akkeshi.
- All school students who reside in Clarence will have access to this sponsorship opportunity. Where a student who resides in Clarence attends a school outside of Clarence, that student may be eligible for assistance provided they form part of a Clarence based school's sponsored visit to Akkeshi.
- Teachers and/or guardians accompanying students will not be considered for sponsorship.
- A school previously in receipt of a grant under this policy must wait a period of three years between grants, unless no other eligible requests are made in that year.

## **Conditions of Approval**

Schools in receipt of a grant will be required to undertake the following:

- Prepare a report to Council following their visit. This report should include: details of their experiences; details of the relationships they have developed during the visit to Akkeshi; and how the school intends to build on these experiences for the benefit of the school and wider Clarence community.
- Preparation of reciprocal hospitality, home stays, guided tours and cultural education for Akkeshi students.
- Schools must undertake a promotional program in order to provide their school community with an understanding of the benefits and experiences of travel to Akkeshi.
- Presentation to Council of airline tickets for auditing purposes, prior to payment being finalised.

## **Send the application form to:**

**The General Manager  
Clarence City Council  
PO Box 96  
ROSNY PARK TAS 7018**