

# STAWELL SECONDARY COLLEGE

## Chris and Marli Tilley Scholarship Shortlisting Policy

### Rationale:

- The Chris and Marli Tilley Scholarship is a valuable and important award.
- The process for nominating students via shortlisting for this scholarship must be subject to clear and accountable guidelines.
- The Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation awards the scholarship to a student nominated by shortlisting at Stawell Secondary College.

### Aims:

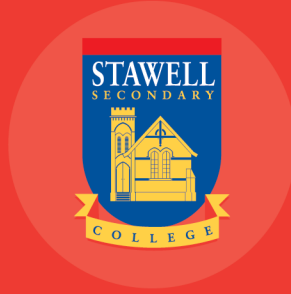
- To ensure that nomination for shortlisting occurs in a clear and accountable manner.
- To ensure that the process of nomination for shortlisting is consistent year to year.
- To ensure that the Chris and Marli Tilley Scholarship is available to students on merit.

### Definitions:

Word	Definition
Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation	<a href="http://www.msrf.org.au/about-msrf-scholarships/">http://www.msrf.org.au/about-msrf-scholarships/</a>
Shortlisting	The process of reducing the total number of students expressing interest in the scholarship to four for online applications and the interview process. The process of shortlisting is managed by Stawell Secondary College in conjunction with MSRF.
Endorsed application	The process of nomination for shortlisting will result in up to four endorsed applications being submitted to The Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation for scholarship interview selection. The Principal endorses each of these applications and may delegate that authority to the Assistant Principal or VCE Coordinator.
School-based Panel	VCE Coordinator and Assistant Principal of the Senior School.
The McPherson Smith Rural Foundation Panel.	This panel consists of MSRF representatives that are independent to the school-based panel.

### Implementation:

- The provisions of The Chris and Marli Tilley Scholarship will be announced to VCE students.
- Interested students will be invited to submit a one-page expression of interest to be considered for endorsement.
- The number of interested students will be shortlisted to four based on the written expression of interest, prior knowledge and an informal interview by the panel.
- The criteria for shortlisting will reflect the criteria for the award of The Chris and Marli Tilley Scholarship, which are:



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- demonstrated leadership in their local community, for example, participation in community organisations, events, sporting clubs etc., volunteering and /or mentoring experience, sharing family roles and responsibilities, extra-curricular roles at school.
  - managing and/or overcoming personal difficulties ie financial disadvantage, cultural issues, non-English speaking background, remoteness, disability, loss of one or more parent, etc.
  - demonstrated interest and passion for living in rural/regional Victoria and an intent to return to rural/regional Victoria.
  - the level of likely impact on their life and rural/ regional Victoria if awarded a scholarship.
- It is the responsibility of the VCE Coordinator to manage the online shortlisting process with the school-based panel.
  - The Assistant Principal of the Senior School will facilitate the conduct of interviews at a time arranged in conjunction with The Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation.
  - The shortlisted students will then be supported by members of the school-based panel to present their application to The Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation panel.
  - Strict confidentiality will be maintained until the formal announcement is made at a date agreed with The Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation.

## **Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle in accordance with the Child Safe Policy, in September every year. The review will be led by the Assistant Principal of the Senior School and referred to the policy sub-committee of school council.

*Reviewed last: September 2018*

*Next Review: September 2019*