



# 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 Rural Foundation, trading as "Youthrive Victoria" 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
The Rural Foundation/Youthrive Victoria	<a href="http://www.youthrivevictoria.org.au">http://www.youthrivevictoria.org.au</a>
Shortlisting	The process of reducing the total number of students expressing interest in the scholarship to facilitate the online application and interview process. The process of shortlisting is managed by Stawell Secondary College in conjunction with Youthrive Victoria.
Endorsed application	The process of nomination for shortlisting will result in endorsed applications being submitted to Youthrive Victoria 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 Youthrive Victoria Panel.	This panel consists of Youthrive Victoria 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 based on the written expression of interest, prior knowledge and an informal interview by the school-based 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 volunteering and/or mentoring experience, sharing family roles and responsibilities, extra-curricular roles at school.
- managing and/or overcoming personal difficulties i.e. financial disadvantage, cultural issues, non-English speaking background, remoteness, disability, loss of one or more parent.
- 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 Youthrive Victoria.
- The shortlisted students will then be supported by members of the school-based panel to present their application to the Youthrive Victoria panel.
- Strict confidentiality will be maintained until the formal announcement is made at a date agreed with the Youthrive Victoria CEO.

## **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.

Last reviewed: September 2019  
Next review date: September 2020

## **Update history:**

First issued	
Date of update	Summary of change(s)
15/8/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Name of Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation changed due to re-branding of the organisation to Youthrive Victoria.</li><li>• Update weblink.</li><li>• Removal of the shortlisting number requirement of four, at the request of CEO of Youthrive. Allowing more suitable candidates to be considered where necessary.</li></ul>