# RYAN HAILES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



The Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship was established in 2023 in memory of Ryan Hailes. His love of sports is the inspiration for establishing this scholarship to recognise young sports people who demonstrate excellence in their chosen sport. As a school, we take pride in promoting and fostering aspiring athletes to reach their full potential and fulfil their sporting dreams.

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship is to help ease the financial burden associated with participating in organised sport at a regional and/or national representative level.

# 2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

### 2.1 To be eligible, applicants must be:

- 2.1.1 An enrolled student of Bell Block School;
- 2.1.2 An elite athlete who has been selected for an age-group representative team or had success at a regional or national level;
- 2.1.3 Highly engaged in their chosen sport;
- 2.1.4 Dedicated to their academic studies;
- 2.1.5 A positive ambassador for Bell Block School.

#### 2.2 Selection will be based on:

- 2.2.1 Demonstration of qualification to compete at regional or national level;
- 2.2.2 Strong commitment of the applicant to their chosen sport;
- 2.2.3 Maintenance of an acceptable level of academic performance;
- 2.2.4 Displaying the attributes of sportsmanship and fair play at all times;
- 2.2.5 Preference may be given to cases where applicants would benefit from financial support in order to compete;
- 2.2.6 In the case of two or more applicants of equal merit, the Selection Panel may consider personal circumstances including, but not limited to, any disadvantage experienced by the applicant.

# 3. Application Process

- 3.1 The closing date for applications will be the Friday of Week 6 of each school term.
- 3.2 Applications must include:
  - 3.2.1 Child's name, room number and year level;
  - 3.2.2 The regional or national governing body associated with the sport;
  - 3.2.3 A brief description of the regional/national event or team that the child has qualified for or been selected to attend, and the costs associated with participation;
- 3.3 Applications must be made in writing by email to <a href="mailto:sport@bellblock.school.nz">sport@bellblock.school.nz</a>

3.4 Applications will be considered by the Selection Panel once per term and successful applicants will be advised in writing no later than Friday of Week 9 in each term.

## 4. Selection Panel

- 4.1 The scholarship will be awarded by the Principal on the recommendation of the Selection Panel, which shall comprise:
  - 4.1.1 The Principal of Bell Block School;
  - 4.1.2 The Executive Officer of Bell Block School:
  - 4.1.3 The Sport Co-Ordinator of Bell Block School;
- 4.2 The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.
- 4.3 After the Selection Panel has considered all applications, a representative from Bell Block School may contact successful and unsuccessful applicants directly to provide the outcome of their application.
- 4.4 The Selection Panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the decision.

## 5. Scholarship Award

- 5.1 The scholarship has a maximum value of **\$250**.
- 5.2 The scholarship may be awarded to one or more recipients in each of the four school terms.
- 5.3 Multiple scholarships may be awarded in any school term provided that no recipient receives in excess of \$250 and the annual cumulative total does not exceed \$1000 per school year.
- 5.4 The number of scholarships awarded in any year is at the discretion of the Selection Panel.
- 5.5 The scholarship amount will be paid directly to the recipient's bank account as advised in writing.
- 5.6 On receipt of a scholarship, the applicant is ineligible to receive another scholarship in that school year.
- 5.7 Successful applicants will be advised of the scholarship via email and must accept the offer in writing by providing their nominated bank account details. If such response is not received within 14 days, the scholarship may be offered to the next applicant.
- 5.8 In accepting the scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the scholarship.

## 6. Other Conditions

- Recipients must remain enrolled at Bell Block School for the duration of the regional or national event at which they intend to compete.
- 6.2 The Selection Panel may withdraw this scholarship at any time and recoup any funds disbursed if the recipient withdraws from Bell Block School or brings the school or scholarship into disrepute or otherwise fails to comply with the conditions of the scholarship.

6.3 These regulations are subject to ongoing review and refinement. The Selection Panel has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the scholarship.