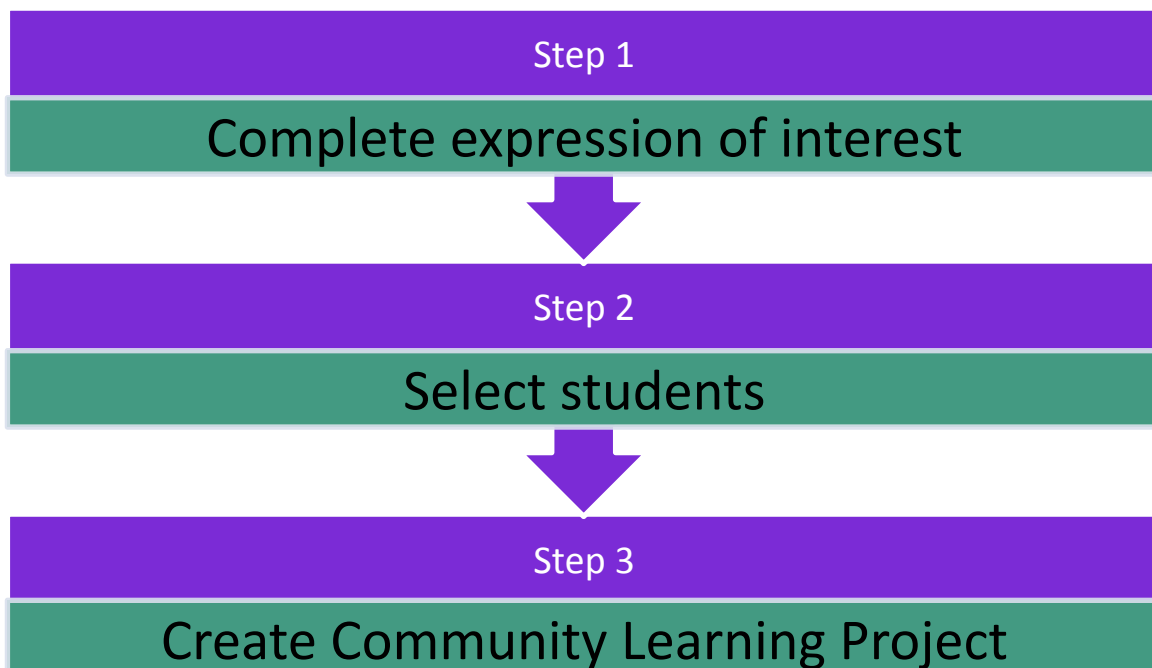


SCHOOL FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP

2010

APPLICATION PROCESS



Step 1

Complete expression of interest

1. Cross check the regional allocation matrix (http://www.alpineschool.vic.edu.au/component/option.com_rokdownloads/Itemid.170/view.file/) and make sure your region is allocated to the term of your choice and to the campus of your choice.
2. Find the liaison teacher(s) at your school. It can be more than one and often is better if this is so. They are going to be the lynch-pin and the key to the team's success and the individual student's reintegration after the program. The role description for the liaison teacher can be found in the Guide to the Liaison Teacher on our website (<http://www.alpineschool.vic.edu.au/applications/home-school-liaison.html>). There should be a time allocation to this role if the school is to have a successful overall experience in this program.
3. Complete an Expression of Interest form on the next page and send it to the appropriate campus by the end of **Term 2, of the year prior to the program.**
4. The liaison teacher, principal and school council president need to sign the Expression of Interest form. This should be completed by the council meeting in May/June.
5. Submit the paperwork to the appropriate campus, NOT the regional office. You can submit multiple applications to multiple campuses.

Step 2

Select students

1. If selected in the expression phase, Schools will then be advised after the selection process on the number of student positions available for each school and the gender makeup required.
2. In expressing interest for the program, the school accepts responsibility for selecting a team of the students who it deems will benefit most from the experience. On acceptance, this process should begin.
3. The process of selection of a team and development of a project can happen concurrently, and often this can work very well. Some schools use the process of development of projects to indicate commitment to the team and hence student selection.

Step 3

Create Community Learning Project

1. A Community Learning Project (CLP) has to be identified. See exemplars of project at the end of this document (<http://www.alpineschool.vic.edu.au/clps/>). You will be asked to detail successful CLPs from past participation. The school will and should approach the SSL campus for advice and support in developing the CLP.
2. Home schools then need to support the team in developing their project. See exemplars again.
3. The CLP proposal needs to be submitted with all the other documentation (student medical and personal information, consent form, ICT user agreement and recording permission form) in week three of the term prior to attending. Students may be asked to participate in an on-line 360⁰ positive psychology-based ILP self assessment tool. Very cool!

Expression of Interest for program.

SCHOOL NAME AND CAMPUS OF CHOICE

Your School Name _____ of Region _____

Would like to express interest in the program at _____ Campus.

PROGRAM TERM, TEAM AND DATE.

In _____ term _____ year (refer to website to ensure allocation to site and term).

We wish to have a team of _____ number students of _____ boys and _____ girls.

(Note: the School for Student Leadership reserves the right to offer a different number of places and gender mix.)

NB: Gender equity is essential due to the accommodation arrangements at all campuses. Every attempt will be made to accommodate single sex school teams and balance the overall gender ratio of the campus.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION & STAFF SUPPORT

_____ (insert school name) acknowledges that it is liable for a \$1000 deposit in term one of the year of program, and the balance will be payable on invoice in the term of the program. The fee per student is \$1000 for a nine week program (pro-rata for shorter programs). Term one programs will be invoiced for the full amount in that term. Some scholarships are available on a needs basis and EMA eligibility. Contact the SSL office for further details.

The school acknowledges that it arranging payment on behalf of parents, but it will support students financially **initially** directly through school funds. The school will then provide assistance with seeking sponsorships or in kind support from the community, and will seek or not seek contributions (full, pro-rata or otherwise) from families of participating students as appropriate.

We acknowledge the school will be responsible for providing a liaison staff who will work with the selected student s and who will support the team.

Print liaison teacher name _____ Signature _____

Our school has approximately _____ % EMA eligible students in year nine. We will undertake a student selection process that is inclusive and will elicit the best participants for the program and agree to put **students at the centre of the decision making in the process of CLP selection.**

This expression of interest and undertaking has been approved at the school council meeting held on ____/____/____

Signed _____ Signed _____

(School Principal)

(School Council President)

BACKGROUND AND SUPPORT INFORMATION FOR LIAISON TEACHER TO COMPLETE.

NB: THESE CRITERIA ARE IN WEIGHTED ORDER. USE ONLY THE SPACES IN THE BOXES PROVIDED.

1. Has your school had a team attend the Alpine School program at any of its campuses in the past? If so, what term, year(s).

2. If you have had a team in the past at any campus, please describe and advise if they completed their Community Learning Project? Please explain circumstances around either success, incompleteness or otherwise.

3. Please describe how it is intended that participation in this program will contribute to improved student learning and/or changes in teaching and learning practice at your school.

4. How is your school going to demonstrate support and commitment to the team and project, especially upon return??

5. Please describe how participation in the program links to the schools MY and other student learning intentions in its AIP/Strategic Plan?

6. Multiple sources of feedback- If you have had a team in our programs before, you must get the students, parents and teachers who or were involved to provide a reference for the support they received/would have benefitted from upon their return and any advice they would provide to improve the outcomes for the next team? This is about both your school and ours. Please attach.
7. We have read the two CLP exemplars and understand which process our school will adopt if our expression of interest is successful!

Liaison Teacher signature _____

Community Learning Project proposal.

Tramline Secondary College, Central Metro Region.

Background.

We are the team of students who have been chosen to attend the Alpine School Campus for our school. We had to apply to be a part of the team. We went through an application process to select us. First, Ms Schlitz told us about the School for Student Leadership and Alpine School Campus in an assembly. She said our school had been successful in being allocated 6 places, three boys and three girls for term 2 next year. She asked the students who thought they might be interested to meet at lunchtime the next day. There were 27 of us. We had to write a page about who we were and what we thought we would get out of going to the Alpine School. Then we had an interview with a group of people (they called themselves the selection panel). There were two teachers and three year 10 students, who had been to another School for Student Leadership campus at Snowy River before, on the panel.

Once we were chosen to be on the team there were 8 of us, two spares in case someone dropped out at the last minute. It was like going for a job in the real world and that would be a good skill to have. We were really glad to have learnt that sort of thing at school. We thought that you only learnt that real stuff when you left school!

We had four, class-time meetings with Ms Schlitz over three weeks, to decide on a project idea, although the team met two more times at lunch in the library. Some of the boys thought that the project should be about re-grassing the footy ground after the drought. Some of the other team members thought that they should do a project on water saving in the school, and do something like getting some big rainwater tanks. Ms Schlitz talked to us about the need for the project, whatever we did, to be really for the wider community not just our school community. It would mean that we would have to work with people outside the school as well, and that other people outside the school would benefit. Most of us liked that, as some of us had part-time jobs and really liked the sort of things that are like in the real world.

We contacted the teachers and students at the Alpine School Campus to ask for their help. Mr. North up at Alpine was really good. He said that some of the projects are too big and really hard to complete; keep it simple. He suggested we have a look at some of the examples on the website.

We talked about the things that effected young people in our community. One of the girls told the group about when her thirteenth birthday was gatecrashed, and that really started us on the idea we decided on.

We ran a survey with the rest of the year 8s and 9s, and heaps of the students agreed on the big problem of gatecrashers. Because of this, we want to do a project we have called **“Party Safe”**.

The Issue.

We like to have parties. The issue for us is the increasing number of “gatecrashers” at the parties.

The local police, when we contacted them, agreed with the team and said that they had counted a 34% increase in crashed parties in the area in the last 5 years. We had some data that would help our project!

The team felt that if we could do something to stop gatecrashing in our community, this would help heaps of people and help the police too.

The Process.

Before the Alpine School Campus.

We would gather as much information a possible from people who had been gatecrashed.

We would get as many ideas about ways to address the issue from as many sources a possible.

We organised meetings with the local Police, youth clubs and workers, outreach centre staff and so on.

We applied for a grant from **Education Foundation, and got it!!!!** We are going to use this money to fund the brochures if we cannot get sponsorship. We want to use this money for an information campaign. The local paper, The Upper Box Tree Gazette have donated a page each month for us while we are away to use.

While we are away.

We hope we can learn about being a leader and do something to help our community and school friends.

We want to make-up a plan for doing something about the issue. After contacting them and getting a really good response, we wanted to talk more with the local police, youth and other groups to ensure we involved all the people who might be effected (stakeholders).

A “Party-Safe” register and brochure will be designed and printed (hopefully using community support to pay for this. One of the team has an uncle who has a printing company called *U Bute Printers Pty Ltd*. We reckon he might help us)

A website will be added to the local shire Youth “WebLink” with a growing list of contacts and support organisations, such as “Kids Help Line©.” One of our team is a real guru web designer.

When we get home.

A launch will be planned for the brochure. Special people will be invited.

The Police have agreed that they will act on information in the party register and patrol the party houses at the weekend.

A survey will be started to see if there is any difference made to the numbers of gatecrashing that happen. The team will work with the local police and youth worker to get the message out that Gatecrashing is uncool.

Additional information. (From our Liaison Teacher)

The team has worked so much on their project already. We can see links and value to their ILP's. The CLP is an integrated Civics & Citizenship VELs domain component, focussing upon the Community Engagement Dimension.

Feedback

- The SSL noted the really valuable process the team and school went through to both select the team and decide on the project. This highlighted to some panel members that there were some good middle years strategies in place in the TSC curriculum. This would help the team upon their return to TSC.
- The SSL agreed that this project had a really good student voice and ownership. It had clearly been developed and written by the team (with facilitation from the liaison teacher, rather than *by* the liaison teacher).
- The description of how the project was developed was excellent, as was the process used by the team to select the project.
- The links with the community were really clear and there was lots of scope for the team to further those links, as the project seemed to be so community focussed.
- The gaining of a grant to assist in funding the project showed real commitment on behalf of the team. Congratulations
- SSL looks forward to working with this team and its project.

Community Learning Project proposal exemplar.

Murgatroyd P-12 College, Central Mountains Region.

Land Care Initiative

Background.

The staff at Murgatroyd P-12 has had a long success in scaffolding children into meaningful school situations where teachers have had great success. It is felt the camp at Mount Hotham will be good for them and a great opportunity to teach some of the children we have chosen to behave better and respect themselves and others.

At our weekly meeting, the curriculum committee selected the children and decided upon a task for them to research while they were away. It was felt they could do this in between doing the catch-up work set by the heads of the PLTs.

The Maths team were adamant that the project had to relate to the essential work children were doing in chapters 6 to 9 of the year 9 text. LOTE wanted them to keep a daily diary in Latin, our school LOTE. The English department require a textual analysis of the current poetry text, Poems from the Post Modern Keats. Science requires the children to undertake a cross-sectional analysis of the Montana forest to contribute to the comparison being done by the rest of the year level in the science text.

The Issue; Salinity in our midst.

The staff team has selected an excellent project for the team and the children will love it. It was felt the children do not have the maturity or common sense to identify an issue themselves, so we are the best to do so. It will involve the children investigating the salinity issue in the surrounding countryside and developing a long-term strategy for addressing the issue. This can be undertaken in the spare time after doing the set class-work that is essential if the children are to remain in contact with the rest of the year 9's at Murgatroyd SC.

The study.

Children will undertake a three-year baseline study of the area of the salinity issue, the agricultural and land clearing practices that have contributed to the salinity and develop a CD-Rom of their results.

Methodology

Children will undertake field excursions prior to attending the camp. In these, the far more experienced and knowledgeable staff will point-out where the issues are worst and give the children direction as to what may need to be done. The local Landcare group will inform the children about their attempts to address the issues. Children can do web searches to find similar issues and solutions in other places.

Data Building

The information the children gather can be used to produce a poster to satisfy the reporting requirements. Children will then have to present their project in a Power Point presentation to the whole school.

Before they go to Camp.

Children will have done most of the preliminary work prior to going to the camp so that they can have plenty of time to do their set class catch-up work.

At the Camp.

The teachers will send them regular information about what they have to do for the project and their class work for that week. The project work can be emailed (great use of technology) to their class teachers each week for assessment.

When they get home.

The children will be fine. They have all been on a weeklong school camp before so they will have no trouble especially if they do the work they are set. The project poster will be displayed in the school entrance area where the office staff can keep an eye on it so that it is not vandalised.

Feedback

- The school noted that it was really clear that the teachers had decided on the project with little regard for the needs and issues of year nine.
- It was noted that the staff had not consulted with the students.
- The SSL staff team were disappointed to note that the team was “chosen” by the teachers and there appeared to be no rationale for the selection of the team, other than “it would be good for them” and seemed to be seen as some sort of punishment.
- The Land Care project was noted to be noble in its intentions, and indeed similar issues have been addressed in project involving salinity in the community by teams attending the SSL campuses. In those projects, the issue was clearly identified as one the students had worked toward identifying themselves.
- The project as it is proposed is felt to be too big in its scope and the actual aim was not clearly identified. While salinity is indeed an issue, it was considered that the scope of the project be narrowed from “solving” salinity to something more achievable for the team and that the team identified as their own.
- The SSL thought the teachers did not really understand what SSL was really trying to achieve. It was noted that the different curriculum areas seemed to think they still had some sort of sway over the nature of the learning that would be undertaken while students were away.
- The SSL noted the author of the application did not even get the title and location of the campus correct.
- The panel suggested that the staff at Murgatroyd SC devote some PD resources and time to visiting the Alpine School Campus prior to the team attending, and gain a better understanding of the aims and processes used.
- A great deal of negotiation and preliminary work needs to be done by the staff team at MSC before their students attend.
- It is felt that the project will fail in its current proposal. A recommendation has been made to the school as to the nature and scope of the project, and suggesting some significant changes. It is felt this will contribute to the potential success of the team, the school and the project.