

ADFAS 2018 - Brief Recap of the Year & Young Arts Program

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Last year ADFAS Pokolbin supported four local public schools, Cessnock High School, Mount View High School, Cessnock East.

Primary School and Cessnock West Primary School.

- **Cessnock High and Mt View High Schools-**
- **Our High School Young Arts Scholarship Program**

We awarded a Scholarship of \$1000 to a visual arts student as well as an Encouragement Award of \$250 to a music student both from Mt View.

Cessnock High was unable to participate due to curriculum changes.

Teachers and Visual and Performing Arts students from the schools were invited to attend lectures for free.

Cessnock East Primary School

Cessnock East requested funding for a 3 day resident artist incursion which we funded at the rate of \$300 per day. The cost was \$900.

We also donated \$100 in 2017 which paid for our ADFAS Pokolbin "Inspired Learners" award to two students at the school's 2017 and 2018 Presentation Day Assembly.

Cessnock East presented ADFAS Pokolbin with a Certificate of Appreciation for our continued support at the 2108 Presentation Assembly.

Cessnock West Public School

Cessnock West received funding for O. A. Schools Tour performance of "The Magic Flute" at roughly \$2960.

Proposal for 2019

High Schools: I propose that-

- our Scholarship be awarded as in the previous two years, being \$1000 for the winning student in the area of Visual and Performing Arts from either Mt View or Cessnock High School.
- we maintain the possible addition of an encouragement award at \$250 if deemed suitable.
- we continue to encourage the students' and teachers' attendance at lectures.

Cessnock West: I propose that-

- we offer the school the opportunity to apply for funding for an arts program that supports their teaching and learning program for 2019.
- we offer the Opera funding for every second year.

Cessnock East: I propose that-

- we offer funding for Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) Excursion to Sydney Opera House as we have in past years.
- we fund this excursion every second year.
- we donate \$100 to the school to pay for books for the "Inspired Learners Awards" for 2019 and 2020.

In Conclusion:

- I would accept for consideration by our committee suggestions that would enhance our YAP.
- I am focusing on increasing entry numbers for scholarships and encourage improvement in their standard.
- I have contacted both High Schools at the start of the year and we will maintain contact with same teachers we had in 2018 which will be advantageous.