



6th June 2022 Young Arts Report

ADFAS Pokolbin Creative and Performing Arts Scholarship

Our ADFAS Pokolbin Society Chairman Bob Lusby and I attended two meetings at Cessnock High School and Mount View High School on Wednesday 11th May and Thursday 12th May respectively.

The purpose of these meetings was to determine how we could more closely align the structure of our Scholarship with the needs of the schools.

At both schools we met with the Principals, Scholarship Contact Teachers and several members of the Creative and Performing Arts Departments.

The following changes were suggested and both schools were in agreement:

1. The due date for all Scholarship applications is to be Friday 9th September 2022.
This is the last day of week 9 Term 3 and fits in well with both the students and the teaching staff and their commitments for Year 11 until the close of the year.
This day in the school calendar could be set for all future years which will help to integrate our Scholarship into the academic year.
2. The Scholarship is offered between both schools and this creates uncertainty for the students and teachers. It also reinforces a sense of competition between the schools and their students which is not positive. If a Scholarship was offered to both schools annually it would become a set feature of the school's Year 11 Award structure. The consistency of the awarding of the Scholarship would elevate its standing.
3. Both schools considered that an award of five hundred dollars was more suitable to the needs of the students in supporting them with their Higher School Certificate major works.
Mr Peter Riley, Principal of Cessnock High School and Mr Shane Hookway, Principal of Mount View High School agreed that this was a generous amount and would be well spent by the students.
4. Mount View High School has a scheme in place to distribute funds directly to students who have won external scholarships. If we choose to follow this process we would contact the school secretary and provide the student's name and amount of the award and state that a direct deposit would follow. These funds are then held in a sub account and the student can either order supplies through the school or provide the school with the invoices that they wish to be paid. A similar arrangement could be made with Cessnock High School.
5. The attendance of teachers and accompanying students at our lectures is highly desirable as the high quality of the content and presentation would benefit the students' learning.
Providing free attendance for teachers and staff would be another way of supporting our high schools.

Supper would not be included.

I request that the above changes be discussed and voted upon at our meeting on Monday 6th June.

The applications for the ADFAS Pokolbin Scholarship/s for 2023 will be distributed to the schools after this time.

Primary Schools Support for 2022

I have emailed both principals, Mrs Kristin Culley from Cessnock East and Mrs Ruth Goodwin from Cessnock West Primary Schools in regards to support for 2022.

Both schools were offered limited financial support towards art, drama or music in school teaching and learning events for the remainder of the current year.

We can review the responses at our next meeting.

Cessnock City Liquor Accord – Bottled Water

The majority of committee members were in favour of requesting bottled water for future events to be supplied by Cessnock City Liquor Accord.

This water was to be used at future fundraising events when suitable.

Paul Cousins has agreed to supply us with 20 cases of bottled water which I will collect and store until required.

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4th February 2022