

Peggy Stedman Passion Project

Background

This fund was established in 2017, in memory of Peggy Stedman (12 April 1950 – 30th May 2017), parent, Allen Centre Educator, school librarian, educational innovator and friend to all those who entered the Allen Centre doors. The Allen Centre as a physical entity, and as a programme of learning, is the legacy of the vision and drive of Peggy Stedman.

Valued in Peggy's work with children, was an ability to recognise a 'spark' of interest in an idea; an area of cultural, art or academic endeavour. Peggy would 'ignite' that spark, guiding children to 'think outside the square' and productively and actively follow a newly found passion.

The Peggy Stedman Passion Project is established, to allow the students of Outram School the opportunity to actively and productively follow an area of 'passion'.

Guidelines

- 1) The Board of Trustees will set an annual budget – The Peggy Stedman Passion Fund.
- 2) The Principal, Allen Centre Educator and Class Teacher will promote the fund to students.
- 3) The fund will be available to students who want to pursue:
 - an area of academic interest
 - an area of cultural interest
 - an Arts area of interest
- 4) The fund is contestable and each application to the fund will be judged on the following criteria:
 - a clear plan of what the student wants to do and achieve
 - a clear break-down of how the funds will be used
 - independence – the 'passion' is the student's and is the student's initiative
 - judged likelihood of success
 - the student's plan to share their experience (sharing with a class or group, Allen Centre leadership, performance or display, digital record for web or blog)
- 5) Applications will be made on a form available from the Allen Centre, school office and online.
- 6) The Allen Centre Educator and/or class teacher may support and guide a student, in making an application, but the application must be completed by the student.
- 7) Applications will be decided on by the Principal, the student's class teacher, the Allen Centre Educator.
- 8) The Principal will report to the Board on:
 - the approval of each application
 - the completion of each project
 - the way the student's project has been shared with the school and wider school community
- 9) As appropriate, the Principal will publicise completed 'Passion Projects', through the school newsletter, school website and West of the Taieri.
- 10) Consumable resources purchased through the fund will be the property of the student, asset resources purchased through the fund will remain the property of the school.