

PROCEDURAL GUIDELINE – CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM

NEW SCHOOLS

1. Background

The CGP Program Guidelines indicate that *“proposed new schools must be able to demonstrate some certainty of successful establishment, operation and governance in relation to Commonwealth, state or territory and local government requirements. New schools may apply for capital funding prior to receiving recurrent funding.”*

'Requirements' in South Australia means the requirements set by the Education Standards Board.

2. Procedural Guidelines

2.1 The SAIS BGA considers that a new school should demonstrate its viability in the first year of operation. It is therefore a general principle that the SAIS BGA will not consider a grant for a project in the first year of operation.

2.2 The SAIS BGA may consider funding a project in the first year that a school expands to a new level of education on a case by case basis taking into account:

2.2.1 Enrolment patterns and projections for the school as a whole and, where applicable, for the particular levels of education relevant to the proposed project,

2.2.2 The historic and projected financial performance of the school,

2.2.3 The extent to which the school is reliant on grant funds to meet its basic need for facilities.

In this instance it is the responsibility of the applicant school to produce, at the time of the grant application, a statement of registration or a letter from the Education Standards Board indicating "good prospects" of gaining registration for the new year levels.

2.3 There may be exceptional circumstances in which the SAIS BGA may consider funding a new school. The applicant school would need to sign a SAIS BGA Participation Agreement and provide with its Stage 2 Initial Application:

2.3.1 a statement of registration or a letter from the Education Standards Board indicating "good prospects" of gaining registration.

2.3.2 produce a document from the Department of Education and Training that the school's Approved Authority is, or is likely to be, approved under Section 75 of the Education Act (Cmth) 2013

2.3.3 acknowledgement, if necessary, that if the above two approvals are not confirmed by the end of the funding year, the school is required to repay any grant instalments in full to the SAIS BGA.

2.4 Stage 2 Initial Applications from those schools that do not have such evidence will be considered ineligible. The school may wish to apply in the following round.

3. Related Policies

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