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ALL-ROUNDER SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

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(Approved by SGB at meeting held on _____ 2010)

The School Governing Body ("SGB") of Rondebosch Boys' Preparatory School ("RBPS"), having the intention to encourage full participation by boys in all aspects of school life, has resolved to award an annual scholarship known as the All-Rounder Scholarship to a boy who is considered to be an outstanding all-rounder.

1 SCOPE OF SCHOLARSHIP

- 1.1 The All-Rounder Scholarship will be awarded annually to a Grade 7 learner who will be attending Rondebosch Boys' High School ("RBHS") the following year. In order to apply for the All-Rounder Scholarship, it is a pre-requisite that the learner must have attended RBPS at least since the beginning of Grade 6.
- 1.2 The All Rounder Scholarship may not be transferred to any other school. If the recipient of the All Rounder Scholarship should leave RBHS prior to completion of Grade 12, the All Rounder Scholarship will cease immediately and the value of the balance of the All Rounder Scholarship may not be redeemed.
- 1.3 The All-Rounder Scholarship may be taken up in conjunction with any other scholarship awarded by RBHS or a scholarship or bursary awarded by an outside third party ("Outside Scholarship"), unless the terms of award of the RBHS scholarship or the Outside Scholarship prohibit a recipient from simultaneously holding any other scholarship, in which event the recipient shall be entitled to elect which scholarship he wishes to retain, and, if the recipient elects not to take up the All Rounder Scholarship, the SGB, may in its absolute discretion, decide to award the All Rounder Scholarship to another recipient in the same year, but shall not be obliged to do so .
- 1.4 The recipient of the All-Rounder Scholarship may, during the currency of the scholarship, be requested to participate in various RBPS activities at the request of the Principal or the SGB of RBPS.

- 1.5 The value of the All-Rounder Scholarship shall be an amount equal to 25% (twenty five percent) of the annual academic fees at RBHS (for the avoidance of doubt, any extra-curricular activity costs shall not be included in the cost of the annual academic fees).
- 1.6 Subject to provision 1.7 below, the All Rounder Scholarship is a contribution towards the academic school fees at RBHS for the five year duration of the recipient's high school career at RBHS. The amount will be paid by the SGB directly to RBHS. The parents of the recipient are responsible for payment of the balance of school fees and any other fees debited by RBHS.
- 1.7 The award made to a successful recipient will be reviewed annually by the SGB and will continue subject to the recipient maintaining his standards of performance. At the annual review of the All Rounder Scholarship, the SGB will need to be satisfied of performance in the academic, sporting and cultural areas of participation by the recipient and that the recipient's disciplinary record is satisfactory. Should the recipient be deemed to have failed in any of the aforesaid areas, his parents will be permitted to present documentary or oral evidence to the SGB in an effort to convince them to re-award the scholarship.
- 1.8 More than one All-Rounder Scholarship may, at the discretion of the SGB, be awarded in any one year.
- 1.9 Should the SGB, in the exercise of its discretion, consider that none of the applicants in a particular year meet the All Rounder Scholarship criteria adequately, it may elect to decline to make an award for that specific year.

2 QUALIFYING CRITERIA TO APPLY FOR ALL-ROUNDER SCHOLARSHIP

- 2.1 In giving expression to the SGB's desire that learners benefit from the many opportunities available to them at RBPS, emphasis will be placed on parity of performance between academic, cultural, and sporting achievements. The qualifying criteria to be applied in determining the award of the All Rounder Scholarship are set out below in paragraphs 2.1.1 to 2.1.7 (inclusive):
 - 2.1.1 Academically the applicant is to be ranked in the top 20 at the end of his Grade 6 year and to have maintained this standard in his grade 7 year.
 - 2.1.2 The applicant must play in the A or B team of at least one summer sport AND one winter sport.

- 2.1.3 It having been the SGB's aim in recent years to promote vigorously the cultural side of the school, an applicant should be actively involved in the cultural activities offered by RBPS. The aforesaid cultural activities include, but are not necessarily limited to, proficiency in a musical instrument, participation in the choir, orchestra, band or ensemble, achievement in art, drama, chess, debating and general knowledge by (i) representing the school in one or more of these activities and/or (ii) taking a formal examination in relation to any one or more of the aforesaid cultural activities and/or (iii) participating in a competition and receiving a certificate of achievement or completion in respect of any one or more of such cultural activities.
- 2.1.4 The applicant should hold a position of leadership in the school, such as mediator, sport's captain, prefect or activity leader.
- 2.1.5 The applicant is required to have a clean disciplinary record at school.
- 2.1.6 The applicant should uphold the ethos of the school with regards to maturity, responsibility, sportsmanship, appearance, courtesy, loyalty and a caring attitude.
- 2.1.7 Only activities in which the applicant is involved at RBPS, as opposed to activities engaged in elsewhere, will qualify for consideration.

3 PROCEDURE

- 3.1 At a time determined by the SGB during the third term each year, the SGB will ensure that a copy of this policy is made available to all Grade 7's. Applications for the All-Rounder Scholarship will be invited and a closing date stipulated.
- 3.2 At such time, applicants' parents should submit a letter of application setting out details (where applicable) in relation to the following criteria and in relation ONLY to the applicant's current and previous year's achievements (i.e. Grades 6 and 7):
 - 3.2.1 Academic achievements including, but not limited to, white merits, blazer scrolls, maths or other competitions and prizes awarded at prize-giving.
 - 3.2.2 Sports participation including teams played for, levels attained and names of coaches.

3.2.3 Cultural areas of involvement including levels achieved, awards and recognition attained and exams passed, where appropriate.

3.2.4 Appointment to leadership roles in the school.

- 3.3 Parents submitting the letter of application referred to above must ensure before doing so that they carefully read the qualifying criteria stipulated in this policy, as any application received that does not meet the qualifying criteria will not be considered.
- 3.4 Each applicant shall be required to submit a letter of motivation as to why he should be considered for the All Rounder Scholarship. The writing of the aforesaid letter of motivation shall be completed by the applicant personally during normal school hours (or after normal school hours if deemed appropriate) under the supervision of an educator nominated by the Headmaster for this purpose. No parental or other input from any third party shall be permitted in relation to the preparation of this letter of motivation.
- 3.5 Details of achievements are to be specified in respect of each item of each category (i.e. academic, cultural, sporting and leadership positions).
- 3.6 In addition, the parents of the applicant should submit the name of his Grade 7 teacher and one other teacher or coach who will be requested to provide the SGB with a written report to accompany his application.
- 3.7 After the closing date for applications, the SGB will consider all applications received and, applying the criteria of this policy, decide on a shortlist of successful applicants. Unsuccessful applicants who are not short-listed will be notified in writing by the SGB. Applicants who successfully progress to the shortlist will be notified of the fact that they have been short-listed as well as the date and time of the interview that the applicant may be required to attend with representatives of the SGB.
- 3.8 The interview referred to above will be for the purpose of meeting the applicants and clarifying any aspects of their application. Performance by the applicants at the interview shall not be a determining factor in the SGB's deliberation. The decision will be made based on the applicants' historic achievements applying the criteria stated above.
- 3.9 Parents' financial need will not be taken into account when making an award.
- 3.10 The decision regarding the All-Rounder Scholarship shall be made annually by the voting members of the SGB. In reaching its decision it will take account of the recommendations of the applicants' educators and coaches.

3.11 All applicants who have been short-listed will be informed in writing of the outcome of their application for the All-Rounder Scholarship application process as soon as reasonably possible following the finalisation of the interview process.

3.12 The SGB is committed to upholding principles of fairness, objectivity and transparency in the implementation of the process of selecting a recipient of the All-Rounder Scholarship.

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Chairman RBPS Governing Body