CEC ADVICE TO PRINCIPALS RE OOSHC FUNDING

Extension of NSW Before and After Schools Care Fund: Advice to Principals

In 2015, the NSW Government created the $20 million Before and After School Care Fund to help delivery up to 45,000 additional OSHC places.

In 2016, under phase 2 of this initiative, schools without an OSHC service and schools with an existing OSHC service that have a need and capacity to expand their service are eligible to apply for a one-off grant of up to $30,000. The grants can be used for site modification and fit-out costs, project management (including tendering or regulatory costs) or to pay for necessary equipment to support new or expanded services. The Government’s announcement of the extension of the fund is provided as an attachment.

Catholic primary schools that do not presently have an OSHC service are encouraged to consult with their community - for example their P&F Association - to determine whether such a service is required and if it should be established. Schools that have an existing service with a demonstrated need to increase the number of approved places are encouraged to investigate the feasibility of expanding the service.

The CECNSW website contains links to:

- the online application
- answers to frequently asked questions, and
- the NSW Out of Schools Hours Care (OSHC) Regulations.

Please go to http://www.cecnsw.catholic.edu.au/dbpage.php?pg=view&dbase=programs&id=60

Please share this advice with principals of NSW Catholic primary schools.

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