

# **Policy Position: Educational Institutions**

#### Purpose

This policy outlines Healthway's approach to assessing requests from, or that take place in, educational institutions or their associated organisations such as Parents' and Friends' Associations.

## Background

Healthway acknowledges that requests for funding from, or that take place in, education institutions can achieve health promotion outcomes. However, Healthway's support should complement, not replace, activities that are the responsibility of other education or funding authorities, or that are part of an education institution's core business.

#### Policy approach

Requests from educational institutions, or associated organisations, may be considered eligible for funding where the objectives and outcomes of the project have health promotion benefits aligned to Healthway's strategic priorities and target groups, and where the following apply:

- There are health promotion opportunities not otherwise available to a priority target group.
- The activities extend beyond the core business of educational institutions and are not the responsibility of State, Federal, or other funding authorities.
- Participation and development is encouraged across educational institutions, as well as within, and across communities.
- The activities are aligned with the principles of the <u>Health Promoting Schools</u> <u>Framework</u>.

Healthway does not support:

- Curriculum based or core activities.
- Activities that target the students of one school and do not involve the broader community or engage with community-based organisations.
- Activities such as exhibitions, performances, and projects by final-year students.
- The production of films, videos, books, pamphlets and publications which are not part of a broader health promotion program.
- Short term, one-off projects with limited long-term impact such as excursions, expos or incursions.
- Overtime, or additional wages/fees for current staff of the educational institution involved, including professional development.

- Projects that are not based on best practice in health promotion.
- Breakfast or other nutritional programs, where the provision of food is the primary objective.

## Definitions

Educational institutions - primary and secondary schools, tertiary or other training institutions.

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