



## Variety - the Children's Charity of Queensland

### **FUNDamentals FOR SCHOOL KIDS**

Guidelines for discretionary grants to help disadvantaged children at Queensland schools.

Schools are invited to apply for a discretionary grant which will go towards the purchase of textbooks, workbooks, uniforms, excursion and camp costs for children aged 0-17 years, who are at financial disadvantage, and/or living with a disability or chronic illness.

The aim is to provide a little help to many kids.

Variety will endeavour to raise funds from your local community to assist with the funding of your application. Variety will issue "Certificates of Appreciation" to businesses that assist, which helps show their commitment to helping their local community. This fundraising will enable Variety to increase the number of disadvantaged children across Queensland assisted by discretionary and other grants. The Variety web site shows some of the ways Queensland [kids are helped](https://www.variety.org.au/qld/how-we-help-kids/). (<https://www.variety.org.au/qld/how-we-help-kids/>). Any assistance that the school can provide in encouraging donations to **FUNDamentals FOR SCHOOL KIDS** would be greatly appreciated.

### **FUNDamentals FOR SCHOOL KIDS Grant Conditions:**

- The applicant school must be a Queensland State school.
- Variety Queensland usually does not give cash donations but under this arrangement approved schools are advanced funds on the understanding those funds will be used by the school's leadership team to assist children who would otherwise be deprived of textbooks, suitable workbooks and stationery, uniforms, or be unable to attend excursions or camps.
- The school must report the expenditure made at the end of each semester in a spreadsheet using a template supplied by Variety Queensland.
- Student's identities will not be required, but Variety does need to know the number of students assisted and in what way each student is assisted.
- Funding cannot be approved retrospectively (even if you have already assisted needy children).
- Applications will not be funded if the school has received funding from Variety in the past 12 months.

### **Applying for a FUNDamentals FOR SCHOOL KIDS Grant:**

To apply for a FUNDamentals FOR SCHOOL KIDS Grant please click on the link below:

<https://variety.smartygrants.com.au/FUNDamentalsFORSCHOOLKIDS>.

Complete the submission – please understand that Variety usually assists with the provision of specific items or services and this application form is primarily for that purpose. The

following guidelines on selected aspects will assist you to complete the application for a discretionary grant in a way that the application can be processed as expediently as possible:

Brief description of your organisation:

e.g. Primary School; Special school etc. Handy to include the ICSEA score if available and any local circumstances that would support the application.

Establishment date:

Although you need to insert day and month, it is the year that is important i.e. "01/01/YYYY" is OK.

Number of children catered for:

Total number of children at the school

Number of children living with a disability or disadvantage:

When a child's family is not able to provide essentials, the child is considered to be disadvantaged in this context

Type of equipment / assistance required:

This is "read only" FUNDamentals FOR SCHOOL KIDS.

How many children will likely benefit from the supply of this assistance?

Estimate number of children who are likely to benefit from the discretionary grant over the next 12 months.

Value including GST

An estimate of your \$ requirement for discretionary grants over the next 12 months.

Does your organisation have a Fundraising Department?

Yes, if PandC has contributed previously

Are these funds accessible to your department / project without impacting on other areas of need in the school?

Yes, if PandC has contributed previously and can contribute again **without impacting on other areas of need in the school.**

Are you able to make a financial contribution towards the cost without impacting on other areas of need in the school?

Yes, if the school is able to contribute **without impacting on other areas of need in the school.**

Nature of appeal

If details are not to hand for assistance in the past, please provide a general description.

**Assessment:**

Variety Queensland's Kids Support Committee will assess each grant thoroughly. Additional information may be required, and in this instance, Variety may contact you.

- Submissions are assessed by the Variety Queensland Kids Support Team.
- Eligible submissions are presented to the CEO and independent Kids Support Committee comprising allied health professionals for review.

- Submissions are then presented to the Board of Directors for final approval at a monthly board meeting.

The process may take some weeks from the time the application is submitted. Every submitted applicant will receive written confirmation of the outcome of the application.

Variety Queensland is unable to access your application while in progress and can only view once it is submitted. If you are unsure if your request meets our guidelines or have further questions, please contact the Kids Support team via [kidssupport@varietyqld.org.au](mailto:kidssupport@varietyqld.org.au) or 07 3907 9300