

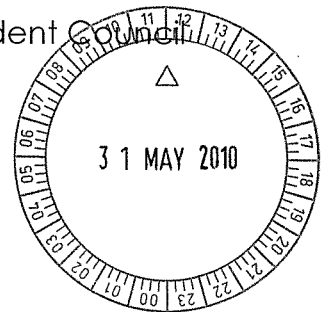
Estimates and financial operations committee

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Subject: Inquiry into the removal of Senior School Allocation funding for year 11 & 12 courses at District High Schools

To whom it may concern:

As the Student Council at Gingin District High School we are writing this letter to express our concern about the Senior School Allocation being withdrawn for SIDE.

Here at Gingin District High School, SIDE is an important and valued part of the school. Three of our Student Councillors are students through the SIDE program and we all agree that GDHS would not be the same without SIDE as a part of our school community.

The School of Isolated and Distant Education provides a great opportunity for students to get an education without having to travel hours to get to school every day. For many families and students throughout Western Australia SIDE is the only option for year 11 & 12. Without this option many students would have to travel long distances to go to a metropolitan school. In some cases students would just not see the point and simply just drop out. We value our education and feel that we have the right to go to the school of our choice; in hundreds of cases around WA that choice is SIDE.

SIDE is not just a classroom at this school, it's a stimulating, friendly, social, positive learning environment and these are all things we value in our education. The SIDE room is a place that younger students look forward to being a part of. Without SIDE the school would not be the same, younger high school students would not have the senior students to look up to. We have a very close-knit school community and Student Council. By taking away SIDE, part of the community is being lost, a valued part of the school community.

School is a place about learning, social activity, educational experiences and making friends. SIDE provides all of these things to students who would otherwise miss out and we see no reason why this great educational opportunity should be taken away without our opinion being heard and taken into account.

Regards

Sarah Nicoli – School vice Captain and year 11 SIDE student.

Gingin District High School Student Council of 2010