7.18. MOSSMAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION

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RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation is that Council:

1. **Enter into a three (3) year agreement with Mossman State High School to be a gold sponsor for its annual Awards Presentation for the years 2026, 2027, 2028; and**

2. **Approve funding of $500 (exc. GST) annually; and**

3. **Delegate authority under Section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to finalise the matter.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mossman State High School are seeking Council sponsorship for its Annual Awards Presentation, commencing on Thursday 10 November 2026.

This report seeks Council's endorsement to enter into a three (3) year sponsorship agreement, with Council participating as a Gold Sponsor for the 2026, 2027, 2028 events. The funding will support the recognition of student achievements and demonstrate Council's ongoing commitment to local youth and the community.

Funding contributors to the event will be acknowledged in the program as follows:

Bronze	Donations less than $200
Silver	Donations less than $500
Gold	Donations $500 and over

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS / RESOLUTIONS

From 2019 to 2023 and 2025, Council financially supported the awards as a Gold Sponsor.

REPORT/BACKGROUND

Mossman State High School holds an annual Awards Presentation to celebrate and recognise students' academic, cultural and sporting achievements, as well as outstanding leadership and citizenship.

The Award Presentations are held during school hours, with parents, carers and community members invited to attend.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council's proposed commitment is to provide funding for the Gold Sponsorship of Mossman State High School's Annual Awards Presentation for a period of three (3) years, commencing in 2026 and finishing in 2028.

The financial commitment will be $500 per year, subject to the terms of the agreement and annual budget allocations.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The risk associated with providing sponsorship to an organisation that may be ineligible under Council's Grants Program is that it could establish a precedent for other ineligible applicants to seek funding, potentially resulting in inconsistency with Council's policy and the *Local Government Act 2009.*

This risk is mitigated by considering these requests on their individual merits and assessing them against Council's corporate and operational objectives and strategies, while ensuring that any funding is provided through an appropriate mechanism separate from the Grants Program.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed support will have a positive social impact by supporting Mossman State High School in recognising and celebrating the achievements of local students.

The Awards Presentation provides an opportunity to acknowledge student achievement, leadership and community participation, while encouraging continued engagement and participation in school and community activities. Council's support also demonstrates its commitment to local young people, education and the broader community.

CORPORATE AND OPERATIONAL PLAN

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2025-2030 Initiatives:

Theme 1 - Liveability
To deliver community activities to promote safe, healthy, inclusive and socially engaged

communities with an environmental conscious.
1.1 - *Deliver community initiatives that support healthy, inclusive and socially engaged communities.*

Operational Plan 2026-2027 Actions:

New project arisen during the financial year.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

- *Local Government Act 2009*

CONSULTATION

Internal Consultation:

- Manager Community Services

CONCLUSION

Mossman State High Schools Annual Awards Presentation provides an important opportunity to recognise and celebrate the achievements of local students. A three (3) year Gold Sponsorship will demonstrate Council's ongoing support for local young people, education and the broader community, while providing the school with certainty of Council's support.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Request for sponsorship of Mossman High School Presentation of Awards for 2026 2027 and 2028 ys D Q [**7.18.1** - 1 page]

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Mayor
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Dear Lisa

On Thursday 19th November 2026, we are staging our Annual Presentation of Awards. On this prestigious occasion we celebrate the achievements of students who have excelled in academic, cultural and sporting areas of their school life. We also use this opportunity to recognise outstanding leadership and citizenship demonstrated by students throughout the year.

If you would like to provide ongoing sponsorship for our Presentation of Awards for 2026, 2027 and 2028, it would be greatly appreciated. You will be acknowledged in the official program for the event as Gold, Silver or Bronze sponsors.

Gold – donations $500 and over
Silver – donations less than $500
Bronze – donations less than $200

Please contact me at the school if you wish to discuss any details.

Thank you for supporting Mossman State High School.

Yours sincerely

Katherine Macfarlane
Principal