

CHERISH Award 2006

CHERISH is the acronym for **CH**ampioning **E**fforts **R**esulting in **I**mproved **S**chool **H**health. The criteria for the CHERISH Award has been adopted from the World Health Organisation’s Health Promoting School (HPS) initiative. The World Health Organisation defines a Health Promoting School as one which strives to improve the health of school personnel, families, community members as well as students, and works with community leaders to help them understand how the community contributes to health and education. Please refer to Figure 1.

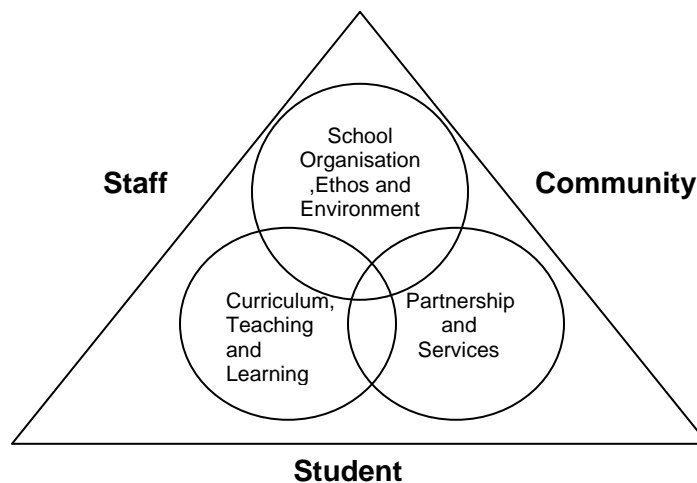


Fig.1: Health Promoting School Initiative

The CHERISH Award recognises schools with comprehensive health promotion programmes for students, staff and the community. All primary and secondary schools, junior colleges and centralised institutes can apply for the Award. There are four award categories: Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze.

School Health Promotion Grant

HPB offers a School Health Promotion Grant on a co-funding basis to motivate and support schools in establishing comprehensive school health promotion programmes or to strengthen existing programmes. CHERISH Award winners can apply for the Grant once per category; for instance once while in Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum.