Proposal: Reviving Sogeri through School Clubs

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My name is James Waibauru, and as a candidate for Co-President of the Student Representative Council, this is one of my many visions I’m most passionate about implementing in the school if I get elected. This is my vision, an initiative that is practical, inclusive, and transformative: the establishment of Student-led School Clubs.

This initiative is designed to ignite academic passion, foster collaboration, and rebuild Sogeri into Papua New Guinea’s leading National School of Excellence. It is time to bring Sogeri back to where it belongs. And that is at the very top.

**Why This Initiative?**

I always hear the teachers constantly remind us:  
"We must work together. We need to support each other. It is together that we will bring the school up."

They are right. The students of Sogeri represent the cream of the nation; intelligent, talented, and capable young minds. Yet many struggle in silence, isolated by academic stream divisions or afraid to speak up in class. Many students have questions they hesitate to ask out of fear that they may be judged or come off as “silly or stupid.” This should not happen at a school where everyone has the potential to thrive.

What this school needs is a support system that connects, encourages, and allows the students to grow and learn together.

That system is what I call the “School Clubs Initiative.”

**What is the School Clubs Initiative?**

The School Clubs Initiative is a student-led, SRC-supported structure that organizes students into clubs based on shared academic interests or personal passions. These clubs will serve as safe spaces where students can:

- Collaborate with like-minded peers.  
- Help one another in subjects they are struggling with.  
- Share resources such as notes, tips, and summaries.  
- Organize small-group tutoring sessions.  
- Build leadership and public speaking skills.  
- Launch entrepreneurial or creative projects.

* Examples of proposed clubs include:  
  - Mathematics Club  
  - Debate Club  
  - Business & Entrepreneurship Club  
  - Media & Journalism Club  
  - Science and Innovation Club  
  - (and more based on student interest)

**How Will It Work?**

**1. Digital Communication Structure**  
- All clubs will operate using WhatsApp as the main communication tool.  
- A WhatsApp Community will be created, containing all the clubs.  
- Students can join any number of clubs based on their interest.  
- Each club will have:  
 - A WhatsApp group moderated by club leaders and the SRC.  
 - Weekly discussion themes, shared notes, and live problem-solving.  
 - Mentoring connections between senior and junior students.

**2. Club Management**  
- Each club will have:  
 - A Student Chairperson  
 - A Deputy Chairperson  
 - A Secretary  
 - A Liaison from the SRC  
- These leaders will coordinate club activities and submit monthly updates to the SRC.

**3. Weekly Engagement**- Weekly club meetings (virtual or in-person) during free periods or afternoon hours.  
- Each week, clubs can:  
 - Host mini “peer tutorials.”  
 - Run brainstorming sessions.  
 - Even conduct debates in the school hall if given permission by the admin

**4. Integration with Academic Streams**  
- Clubs are designed to eliminate the academic silos between STEM, Humanities, and Block Science.  
- Projects will encourage cross-stream collaboration:  
 - A STEM student with graphic design skills or a block science student with great knowledge of PNG’s environment might work with a humanities student on a business plan.  
 - Media students may document events from other clubs, giving visibility and inspiring others.

**5. Launching Student Talent**- Through the Media Club, future journalists can begin their careers early, producing student-run media such as school newsletters, podcasts, or even TikTok-style academic videos.  
- In the Business Club, students can work together to simulate startups or manage small fundraising ventures or even build connections and start off their businesses right in our school.  
- The Debate Club can train the next generation of policy thinkers and national leaders and give an open mind to the current issues concerning our country.

- Future Lawyers will use this initiative to start and motivate them on their career paths

What this would do is, it will be a foundation and a catalyst for the future workforce and innovators of our nation. This clubs will help ignite and motivate students to train and further pursue their passions with like-minded peers or individuals they’ve already met in Secondary school. In Sogeri National School of Excellence.

**Why Will This Work?**

Because this idea is built on what already exists. Our passions, our digital habits, and our shared hunger for success. WhatsApp is something we already use daily. This initiative channels that existing behavior into academic productivity.

It’s student-powered. That means it doesn’t need large funding or new infrastructure. All it just needs is leadership, organization, and participation.

Most importantly, it’s inclusive. Every student, regardless of their stream, background, or academic level, has a place in this system. Everyone can teach, everyone can learn, and everyone can lead.

**The Long-Term Vision**

This initiative is bigger than just one year of SRC leadership. If launched, it will continue to grow beyond my term, creating a legacy for all Sogeri students.

- As new students come in each year, they will join existing clubs.  
- Alumni can even return to mentor or contribute digitally.  
- Clubs can evolve into recognized programs, possibly linking with real-world institutions (universities, media houses, business partners).

Imagine a student who discovers their passion in the Media Club, builds a portfolio, and wins a university journalism scholarship all because this initiative gave them a platform.

**Expected Outcomes**

If successfully implemented, this initiative will:  
- Boost academic performance through peer learning.  
- Build confidence in struggling students.  
- Enhance school spirit and collaboration.  
- Break down barriers between students of different streams.  
- Generate student-led innovation and entrepreneurship.  
- Attract national attention by showcasing Sogeri’s creativity and unity.  
- Ultimately, bring Sogeri National School of Excellence back to #1 in PNG.

**Conclusion**

We often say, "We are the cream of the nation." It’s time to act like it by helping one another rise. The School Clubs Initiative is not just an idea, it’s a movement, one that is rooted in passion, powered by students, and destined to make Sogeri a model of excellence.

Together, through clubs, we don’t just study, we build, we connect, and we lead.  
This is the initiative that will define our generation of Sogeri students.

I am passionate, motivated and will give my heart for this whole idea. It will be my biggest honor to lead and bring this vision to life as the Male Co-President of Sogeri National School of Excellence if I get elected in.

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