

Scholarship Policy **School Governance**

1.0 PURPOSE

The Cathedral School's Scholarship program aims to encourage and recognise students in their pursuit of excellence. The Scholarship Program is intended to provide students with the financial support to further their education as well as reward achievement and effort.

Those students who receive scholarships will have exemplary character and will share the values of our school community. These students will exhibit qualities such as integrity, leadership, initiative, care and compassion for others, and personal responsibility.

2.0 SCOPE

Scholarships may be offered to prospective or existing students for academic, musical, sporting excellence and other areas, as determined from time to time.

3.0 POLICY

3.1 Availability of scholarships

- Scholarship testing and selection occurs each year (usually April-May). Applications are made via the link on the school website.
- Scholarships may be offered to families for partial remission of tuition fees for their child.
- Current students are eligible to apply for scholarships, except when there is a desire to attract new students to meet a special need of the school.
- The decision to award a scholarship is entirely at the Principal's discretion.
- Names of scholarship holders will not be published.
- Academic scholarships are generally offered on the basis of a scholarship test, application form and previous school reports.
- Music scholarships are generally offered on the basis of an application and audition.
- Boarding scholarships are generally offered on the basis of an application, reference and interview.
- Church scholarships are generally offered on the basis of an application, reference from local clergy and interview.
- Sports scholarships are generally offered on the basis of an application, reference and physical assessment.

3.2 Year levels of entry

Scholarships will generally be offered at entry to Middle School (Year 7) or to Senior School (Year 10).

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Scholarships may be offered at primary level to meet a need in a particular year level, but not below entry to Year 4.

3.3 Value of scholarships

- All scholarships offer partial remission of tuition fees (generally 25% to 50%).
- The value of a scholarship is entirely at the Principal's discretion.
- If a student is successful in two scholarship areas (e.g. academic and music), a 'bundled' scholarship offer may be made.
- Scholarship holders receive normal sibling fee discounts, if applicable.

3.4 **Duration of scholarships**

- The tenure of a scholarship will be to the end of the current sub-school (Junior, Middle or Senior), subject to annual review.
- A scholarship offer may not be deferred. If a student is not in a position to take up a scholarship in the year offered, they will be invited to re-apply at a later date.
- After commencement of a scholarship, it may be suspended for up to two years for reasons of temporary relocation due to parental work commitments or a student exchange program.
- All scholarships are reviewed annually.
- The continuation of a scholarship depends on exemplary performance, effort and behaviour.

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