



SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

PREAMBLE

St Patrick's College is committed to the education of girls in the Macarthur region. As a non selective educational facility, it offers a diverse curriculum which encourages excellence and achievement at the highest levels.

The College offers a number of scholarships which recognise excellence in achievement and/or application in a variety of fields. The College invites families to make application during the enrolment period for girls entering Year 7.

RATIONALE

As a College established in the Good Samaritan tradition with Benedictine values embedded in its mission and vision, St Patrick's acknowledges its responsibility to offer educational opportunities that are inclusive of all in the community.

St Patrick's College will offer a number of scholarships to the incoming Year 7 students for each year. Scholarships are offered to girls who have achieved excellence in the academic, performing/creative arts and/or sporting fields. In addition to this, St Patrick's may offer an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship and a Special Circumstances Scholarship for a girl whose family may not be able to support her desire to access the educational opportunities the College has to offer.

St Patrick's College values and affirms a community which is diverse in skills, abilities, talents as well as culture and ethnicity.

PRINCIPLES

Each scholarship covers the value of the tuition fees component only, is offered to students entering Year 7 and is available for four years. All course fees and oncosts are still to be met by the parents.

For each Year 7 academic year the College:

- May offer two Academic Scholarships
- May offer a Sport Scholarship
- May offer a Performing/Creative Arts Scholarship
- May offer an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship
- May offer a Special Circumstances Scholarship

Availability of the Sport, Performing/Creative Arts, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Special Circumstances Scholarships will be reliant on the quality of the applications and made at the discretion of the Principal.



All applicants will be required to participate in an interview with the Principal and a panel consisting of specialist staff, where appropriate.

All successful scholarship holders are required to maintain a high level of achievement in their field. Students are expected to contribute to and participate in events which highlight their area of expertise. This may include representing the College in that field.

Each successful recipient will meet annually with the Principal to discuss her ongoing commitment to the College and her achievement levels. Failure to meet the requirements listed above may result in the termination of the scholarship.

DEFINITIONS

Academic Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to two students who have achieved at the highest levels in the scholarship exam.

Performing/Creative Arts Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded based on an audition and/or portfolio of works before a panel.

Sport Scholarship

This scholarship will be based on documentary evidence of sporting participation and achievement at National/State/Diocesan and/or Zone levels.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship

This is awarded to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student. Evidence of a commitment to her education and a willingness to achieve her best will need to be demonstrated.

Special Circumstances Scholarship

This is awarded to a student who has a strong desire to attend St Patrick's College in order to take advantage of the opportunities available but whose family is unable to provide for the opportunity. Participation in a confidential interview with the Principal is a further requirement.

PROCEDURES

- Complete application form and submit with enrolment package.
- The College will notify applicants of the necessary information and expectations associated with the particular scholarship application.
- All applicants will attend the mandatory enrolment interview on the dates advertised.
- Students applying for an Academic Scholarship are required to participate in a scholarship exam.
- Students applying for scholarships will be required to participate in an additional interview specific to the scholarship application.



- In addition to this, students applying for the Performing/Creative Arts Scholarship are required to perform at an audition prior to the interview.
- Students applying for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship are required to have an interview with a panel made up of Elders and other supporters of St Patrick's College.
- Performing/Creative Arts and Sport Scholarship applicants are required to provide a portfolio demonstrating evidence of achievements in their specific area of talent.
- The Principal, in consultation with specialist staff, will determine the successful scholarship recipients and inform the College Board of the finalists, where appropriate.
- Once confirmed by the Board, the families will be informed by the Principal.
- The successful student and her parents will acknowledge their acceptance of the scholarship by signing the Scholarship Terms of Agreement which outlines the conditions of the scholarship.
- Each scholarship holder will be required to meet annually with the Principal to discuss her achievement levels and ongoing commitment to the College.