



Scholarship Program Intake for Current & Future Years

St Columba Anglican School is pleased to offer Scholarships for new students joining the Secondary School in future years. The School's Scholarship Program is open to students who show commitment and achievement in a range of curricular and co-curricular areas. Families of applicants are expected to support the culture and ethos of St Columba Anglican School.

RATIONALE

Our Scholarship Program is aimed at making a St Columba education accessible to as many families as possible, while ensuring that recipients are capable of success in a wide range of areas.

SCHOOL CULTURE

The school's active support of achieving excellence, provides strong support for our academic scholars, who benefit substantially from the challenges that our culture offers.

VALUE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

A reduction in tuition fees to be determined by the Principal's discretion. Please refer to Criteria and Conditions for further information.

DURATION OF TENURE

Each Scholarship is awarded in the first instance, subject to satisfactory conduct, academic performance and participation in the school's program of music, sporting and co-curricular activities. If this performance is deemed satisfactory, the Scholarship will be renewed each year until the completion of secondary schooling at the end of Year 12.

EXCLUSIONS

Scholarships are only available to holders of Australian Citizenship.

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

To acknowledge and encourage excellence, St Columba will offer a number of Scholarships in current and future years to new Secondary School students entering Years 7 to 12. Criteria such as: school reports; demonstrated excellence in areas including academic and sport; examination results; financial need; personal interview and in the case of Performing Arts applicants, auditions are used to award Scholarships. Indigenous Scholarships are also available for students entering Kindergarten to Year 12.

Scholarships for students with talents in the Performing Arts

These Scholarships will be available to students with a background in Music, Dance and Drama and are awarded on the basis of demonstrated excellence in one or more of these disciplines. The award of a Scholarship is determined by a successful audition with the Managing Director of the Performing Arts Centre and relevant persons of expertise. Scholarship holders are expected to be leaders in the Performing Arts program. They will be required to have a prominent role in our co-curricular ensembles.

Indigenous Scholarships K-12

The Indigenous Scholarship Fund is focused on empowering Indigenous children to build a future through quality education and career pathways. The Scholarship is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students whose family circumstances would otherwise preclude them from attending St Columba on a full-fee paying basis. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of: Proof of indigenous background, level of family and community support, ability to gain from the school's educational, cultural and sporting programs, and to contribute positively to the life of the school. This is part of the school's social inclusion values. A ceiling of one full-time equivalent in each of Primary, Lower Secondary and Upper Secondary will be mandated. The division of these Scholarships will be at the discretion of the Principal, in consultation with the Enrolments Department.



SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS

- Proven achievement in the applicant's area of excellence and a letter written by the applicant to the Principal (see below).
- An interview with the Principal or delegated executive member of staff.
- All Scholarships are offered at the discretion of the Principal or his/her delegate.
- The student must demonstrate acceptable standards of personal behaviour and support for the ideals and policies of the school.
- No application fee applies.
- There is no Scholarship application fee, although a non-refundable enrolment acceptance fee of \$770.00 will apply should the applicant be offered a Scholarship.
- The Scholarship will be reviewed each year, and will remain in place provided that the student's work ethic and results are maintained to an acceptable standard. Parents will be notified if there are concerns in this area.
- Please note that Scholarships do not cover the cost of camps, uniforms, distance education courses, VET course costs, excursions, representative sport trips, outdoor education costs and co-curricular activity associated costs. These remain the responsibility of the parents/caregiver/fee payer.
- All Scholarships or other financial assistance will be repayable if the recipient is withdrawn and enrolled in another school before the completion of the student's HSC, unless the family is obliged to relocate to another part of the State as a result of changed family and/or employment circumstances.
- Applicants are asked to complete the online Enrolment Application for enrolment at www.scas.nsw.edu.au

LETTER OF APPLICATION AND PORTFOLIO

Each student is required to include a letter of application to the Principal along with their Scholarship Portfolio.

Areas to be addressed include:

- Why they would like to study at St Columba Anglican School
- How they would continue their area of excellence
- How they would support the school ethos
- How they would mentor other students
- Provide a portfolio supporting the applicant's gifts and talents
- These may be delivered or posted to Enrolments at St Columba Anglican School: PO Box 5358, Port Macquarie NSW 2444.

PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

Auditions will be held in the form of an interview with the applicant and their parents and/or caregiver. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of works presented at the audition, a portfolio and general interview.

At the audition, applicants will be required to present a short program of performance that showcases their creative abilities.

Music Candidates should audition on their main instrument with two short, contrasting pieces. Additionally, they will be required to undergo a brief aural and sight reading test. If the pieces have an accompaniment, applicants will need to provide their own accompanist.

Dance Candidates will be required to perform two short choreographed pieces at the audition.

Drama Candidates will need to perform one short monologue and read a short script excerpt.

OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

For all Scholarships the School will contact successful applicants via telephone or email, with an invitation to interview.

Please be aware that St Columba Anglican School's determination in the awarding of Scholarships is final. Discussion will not be entered into regarding an individual's results.

Successful applicants will be expected to attend a formal school enrolment interview.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIPS

Parents seeking further information about our Intake of Scholarships at St Columba Anglican School are encouraged to visit the school at any time or visit our website www.scas.nsw.edu.au and click on Scholarships under the 'Why Enrol' tab.