St Columba Anglican School

Scholarship Information

Scholarship Program

Intake for Current and Future Years

SCHOLARSHIPS

"Starting strong is good. Finishing strong is epic." - Robyn Sharma.

To acknowledge and encourage excellence, St Columba Anglican School will offer a limited number of Scholarships for students currently enrolled or applying for enrolment into Years 7 to 12, subject to availability of places.

Indigenous Scholarships are also available, and are open to students from Kindergarten to Year 12.

These scholarships will offer students the opportunity to join the School and be a part of the academic, cultural, sporting and leadership programs that have made the School the choice of students who aim for post school academic and leadership success.

Our aims for our graduates are that they:

- display, by their words and actions, a positive, Christian view of the world and their place in it
- understand that while they should be valued as an individual, their willingness to serve their community, now and in the future, will be a key to their continued growth
- have been shaped by the ethos and actions of the School and, in turn, have played a role in the evolution of the School community towards greatness
- have been offered access to an education that not only allowed them to reach their academic potential but also provided them with the access to the knowledge and skills required to successfully enter the next phase of their lives as lifelong learners who are erudite, optimistic and disciplined
- understand the vital nature of change in the world and are prepared to face this reality with confidence and resilience
- are given the opportunity to develop such 21st Century skills as agility, creativity and an ability to work collaboratively with others
- have developed leadership skills so that by their great and small actions, they will have the potential to make the world a better place

SCOPE

The School's Scholarship Program is open to students who show commitment and achievement in a range of curricular and co-curricular areas. St Columba Anglican School is not able to award sporting scholarships under its agreement with the Association of Heads of Independent Schools.

Criteria used to award Scholarships will include school reports, demonstrated excellence in areas including academic and sport, examination results, financial need and a personal interview. In the case of Performing Arts applicants, auditions are also used to determine eligibility for a scholarship. Community service, leadership, communication skills, ability to contribute to the life of the School, cultural participation and support of the School's Christian ethos are all attributes taken into consideration when awarding Scholarships.

It is an expectation that families of applicants also support the culture and ethos of St Columba Anglican School.

VALUE OF THE SCHOLARSHPS

A reduction in tuition fees to be determined by the Principal's discretion. Generally a 25%-50% reduction to Tuition Fees is applied to successful scholarships.

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 continued each year until the completion of secondary schooling at the end of Year 12.

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EXCLUSIONS

Scholarships are only available to holders of Australian Citizenship.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS

- Proven achievement across the ten criteria 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.

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 Deputy Principal and Enrolments Department.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION AND PORTFOLIO

Applicants who have not already submitted an Application for Enrolment are asked to complete the on-line Enrolment Application for enrolment at www.scas.nsw.edu.au

Each student is required to include a letter of application to the Principal along with their Scholarship Portfolio. Portfolios should showcase the student's achievements throughout their school and community life. Areas of strength will obviously be showcased along with documentary evidence of participation and achievement in all aspects of a student's life.

Areas to be addressed in the Application letter 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, talents including recent reports from school
- These may be delivered or posted to Enrolments at St Columba Anglican School: PO Box 5358, Port Macquarie NSW 2444

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OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

For all Scholarships the School will contact successful applicants via telephone or email, with an invitation to interview with the Deputy Principal and all Scholarships will be offered at the discretion of the Principal.

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. Scholarships and all matters relating to applications remain confidential to both parties.

PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHP AUDITIONS

Auditions are sometimes offered where they will enhance an applicant's portfolio. 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 may 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIPS

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