

Scholarship Program



St Columba
Anglican School

“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 and 11, 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.

For SCAS Scholarships applications, financial need may be taken into account as we believe this approach allows access to a wider number of families and brings to the School a diversity that benefits all students.

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 while fostering the 6Cs of Deep Learning;
- 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.

Value of the Scholarships

A reduction in tuition fees to be determined by the Principal's discretion. Generally a 25% to 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.

Exclusions

Scholarships are only available to holders of Australian Citizenship.

Scholarship Conditions

- Proven achievement across a number of areas of school life, 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.
- A non-refundable application fee (\$135) and enrolment acceptance fee (\$770) will apply should the applicant be offered a Scholarship.
- We welcome applications from students whose families require financial assistance to attend the School and financial need may be taken into account. As a rule, families who are in receipt of Family Tax Benefit A or B may be eligible.
- 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

In keeping with the School's values of social inclusion, the Kindergarten to Year 12 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 potential for a positive contribution to the life of the school. The division of these Scholarships will be at the discretion of the Principal. Applicants are required to provide supporting documentation which shows evidence of connection to community and culture.

Requirements for Application and Portfolio

Applicants should complete a Scholarship Application form using the online form on the School website, 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 to the School or posted to us at:
St Columba Anglican School, 3 Iona Avenue, Port Macquarie NSW 2444

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.

Offer and Acceptance of Scholarships

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

Scholarships Offered in 2025

The following scholarships will be offered in 2025:

Year 7 Access Scholarships and Year 11 Access Scholarships

These Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who will thrive academically and personally at St Columba, and who will in turn make a significant contribution to the life of the School. While financial need will be strongly considered, awards may be based on a combination of factors, including financial need; the academic, professional, or other accomplishments of the candidate; obstacles overcome by the candidate; contributions to the local community; the candidate's interest in pursuing a SCAS education.

Year 11 Arts Scholarships

Arts Scholarships are awarded to students of high level artistic ability on the basis of audition, interview and giving consideration to academic merit. Selected students will be invited to undertake an audition. In 2025, the following Arts Scholarships will be awarded:

Senior Music Scholarship

Senior Dance Scholarship

Senior Drama Scholarship

Arts Scholarship 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 Scholarship program at St Columba Anglican School are welcome to visit our website www.scas.nsw.edu.au or to contact the School at any time.

