



St Thomas' Bicentennial Christian Leadership Scholarship

Purpose

The purpose of the St Thomas' Bicentennial Christian Leadership Scholarship is to assist and encourage meritorious students who have demonstrated excellence in Christian leadership and community service, cultivating them to be the next generation of leaders in our society. It seeks to recognise students who demonstrate their commitment to God through strong faith, integrity, and a commitment to a local church community.

Both St Columba Anglican School and St Thomas' Anglican Church have a firm belief in fostering a community where faith, leadership, and service go hand in hand. Through this scholarship, we aim to nurture individuals who will not only excel academically, but also make a profound difference in their communities and beyond.

The scholarship is offered by the St Thomas' Anglican Church of Port Macquarie and covers the cost of tuition fees for Years 10, 11 and 12.

Scholarship recipients are not just beneficiaries but ambassadors of the St Columba Anglican School values of Faith, Hope, Truth, and Love. They are expected to pursue their education at the School with enthusiasm and commitment, understanding the honour and responsibility that comes with this opportunity.

Value

The scholarship will offer a 100% reduction in school tuition fees for the duration of the scholarship as well as a uniform allowance.

Scholarship Application Fee

All applicants must pay the \$135 non-refundable Application Fee.

Scholarship Conditions

- The School's Acceptance Fee of \$770 will apply should the applicant be offered the scholarship.
- 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- All scholarships or other financial assistance will be repayable if the recipient is withdrawn and enrolled in another school before the completion of the student's HSC, unless the family is obliged to relocate to another part of the state as a result of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.

Who can apply?

Students eligible for enrolment into Year 10 in 2025 can apply for the St Thomas' Christian Leadership Scholarship. Please note that scholarships are only available to Australian Citizens.

Selection Criteria

The successful applicant will have:

- A declared commitment to the Christian faith: someone who shows a love for God, Others and Self, reflected in how they interact and treat others — staff, other students and peers.
- A demonstrated participation in the liturgical and prayerful context of the school and their church through such things as youth groups, social justice groups, charity events, etc.
- Living life with the hallmarks of a Christian — hopeful, compassionate, merciful, kind, generous and with a servant-hearted attitude in their everyday life.
- A connection with and demonstrated understanding of the Anglican Faith.
- An engagement in studies (of some nature) towards a deeper learning of the Christian Faith.

Additional criteria:

- A student who reflects an attitude and desire to engage in opportunity-seeking, creativity, enterprising skills, and solving real-world problems and challenges.
- A student who is involved in extra-curricular activities.
- A student who utilises their gifts for the benefit of their local church and/or community (i.e. musical abilities, IT skills, labour, leading or assisting to lead groups, etc.)
- Applicants will be required to conceive and implement a project that assists in the mission of St Thomas' Anglican Church.

How to apply

All applicants must complete an online Enrolment Form: <https://enrol.scas.nsw.edu.au/enrolment-application>

Applicants will then be required to submit a letter of application to the Principal along with a 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 support their local church and/or community
- How they would support the school ethos
- How they would mentor other students

Applicants for the St Thomas' Bicentennial Christian Leadership Scholarship must also include their proposal for a project that involves St Thomas' Anglican Church, and that aligns with the mission of the Church, which they will then implement during their time at St Columba.

Applications are now open and will close on Friday, 13 September 2024. Applications and portfolios may be delivered to the School or posted to us at: St Columba Anglican School, 3 Iona Avenue, Port Macquarie, NSW 2444.

Successful applicants will be contacted with an invitation to interview, and the scholarship will be offered at the discretion of the School Principal.

Terms and Conditions

The scholarship will be reviewed annually and is subject to satisfactory conduct, academic performance and participation in the School's programs and 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.