



St Philip's Christian College Academic Scholarship Program

Purpose of the Program

The purpose of the scholarship program is to provide academic, pastoral and financial support to assist our highly capable, academic students in pursuing their unique God-given potential. We want to encourage our students to achieve the highest academic results possible, while pursuing areas of passion. As students pursue excellence in their field of endeavour, we will ensure that the needs of the student are met in every area of their school life.

Those students who receive scholarships will have exemplary character and will share the values of our College community. Selected students will exhibit qualities such as integrity, leadership, initiative, care and compassion for others, and personal responsibility.

Eligibility

Academic Scholarships are awarded to students of high academic ability on the basis of academic merit, as demonstrated in an academic portfolio and an interview. The academic portfolio will demonstrate accomplishments, a commitment to learning, and involvement in school activities.

Benefits

Scholarships will cover a proportion of the tuition fees from Year 7 to Year 12, subject to periodic review or renewed application.

Other benefits may include school-based mentorship and individual pastoral support.

Scholarship Recipient Expectations

- Participation in College academic opportunities and/or competitions
- Act as mentors/tutors for other students who are showing academic potential
- Represent the College by speaking at special events

Length and tenure of scholarship

Scholarships will commence in Year 7, Year 9 and Year 11. Year 7 Academic Scholarships will continue to Year 8. Application can then be made for the scholarships to continue into Years 9 and 10.

Scholarships commencing in Year 11 will continue into Year 12.

All scholarships will be reviewed annually.

Application Process

To apply for a scholarship, a student must be enrolled at the College, which means that an Application for Enrolment form has been submitted and payment of Application Fee has been processed. Please note the Application Fee for Enrolment is non-refundable.

Students must submit:

A *cover letter* that includes:

- a brief personal introduction
- an outline of how the academic scholarship will enhance your learning at SPCC
- a description of areas of interest and passion
- a personal reflection statement on the College Core Values.

A *portfolio*

This portfolio should include:

- Academic transcripts (reports) and awards (including external competitions)
- NAPLAN results
- Reference from a current teacher or mentor
- Evidence of participation in extra-curricular activities
- Previous class placements for academic pursuits
- Psychometric report (if available)

Selection Process

The selection process will include:

- Assessment of student's academic ability and achievement
- Review of portfolio
- An interview with Principal/Scholarship Selection Committee

The Scholarship Selection Committee will select scholarship recipients based on the applicant's ability to best fulfil the selection criteria, the number of scholarships available, interview and evidence of academic achievement.

Selection Criteria

- High academic ability demonstrated through academic merit
- Strong teacher/mentor recommendation highlighting student's attitude to learning, passionate engagement, standard of behaviour and learning dispositions
- Strong communication skills

Applications are invited from current students and students who have completed an Application for Enrolment, but are not yet attending the College, who meet the selection criteria outlined in this application.

Notification of Award of Scholarship

The applicant and their parents/carers will be notified of the outcomes in writing.

Scholarship Review

A scholarship review will take place annually to assess if a scholarship recipient's achievement is consistent with the selection criteria.

Electronic Applications should be emailed to:

newcastle.principal@spcc.nsw.edu.au

Please contact the Dean of Students, Mrs Anne Anschau-Roach if you require assistance with this application process. (anne.anschau-roach@spcc.nsw.edu.au)