



Year 7 Scholarship Policy for the Awarding of Scholarships

Rationale

At St Mary's College, we aim to educate our students with an appreciation of the spiritual as well as the intellectual and physical aspects of their lives. We strive to create an environment that puts the student at the centre and where that student is supported by dedicated teaching staff and tremendous community spirit. We aim to instil a can-do attitude in all our students and work with them all to engender high aspiration and a range of personal skills and qualities including self-confidence and leadership abilities. We ensure that we are developing our students not just academically, but as well-rounded young adults ready to be future citizens who will positively contribute to their community and the wider society when they leave.

Policy Statements

For the 2026 year, the College will provide two (2) Scholarships for Year 7 2026 students. Scholarships will be awarded based on merit as determined by an application and interview. Scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate potential for a commitment to a holistic education, in preparation for the values of Service, Courage and Justice at St Mary's College.

Applications for Scholarships (Year 7 2026) open on Tuesday 15 April 2025 and close Friday 12 September 2025 at 4.00pm.

There are two (2) Scholarships available at a value of \$1,000 per year over three (3) years of attendance at the College. Over these three years, the Scholarship recipient must maintain the College values as a student to continue receiving the Scholarship support over the outlined period.

Method of selection

- Completion of the appropriate Year 7 Scholarship Application Form (*this can be downloaded from our website: www.smcm.qld.edu.au / Scholarships*)
- The student and their parents/guardian attending an interview with the Scholarship Selection Committee, consisting of the Principal or his appointee, a member of the Senior Leadership Team and a member of the Middle Leadership Team
- The Scholarship Selection Committee will select scholarship holders based on the application and the interview

Selection criteria

Each Scholarship is awarded in the first instance for:

- Consistently high academic application
- Excellent work ethic as demonstrated in school reports
- Excellent behaviour and attendance
- Actively participating in sport and/or co-curricular activities
- Actively participating in the community
- Actively being involved at school functions and events

Notification of Scholarship

The candidates will be notified of the outcome in writing as soon as practicable. Unsuccessful candidates will also be notified by letter as soon as possible after all offers have been made.

Duration of Scholarships

In accepting a Scholarship, parents/guardians agree that they understand that the College has a reasonable expectation that their child will complete the Middle School education at St Mary's College. The College will require the full repayment of the total value of the Scholarship if students/parents do not fulfil this expectation.

Scholarships awarded will continue until the completion of Year 9. All Scholarships will be reviewed annually. Students must maintain the results expected of a Scholarship recipient. Any Scholarship recipient whose review has been unsatisfactory may have their Scholarship withdrawn. Parents will receive written correspondence throughout the process of reviewing.

Conditions of Scholarship

Families with overdue fees/levies (current and previous) will be ineligible to receive a Scholarship. Families with unpaid fees/levies in the current year may have the Scholarship withdrawn unless unpaid fees are paid by the end of the relevant Term. A review of fees and levies will be conducted every Term. If a family has any outstanding fees/levies prior to the above, they must be on an active payment plan to reduce any outstanding amounts. Any default will result in cancellation of the Scholarship for the current year.

In the interest of sharing this assistance among as many families as possible, the presumption is that a family is likely to receive only one Scholarship.

Parents/Guardians of successful students are required to complete a Scholarship Agreement to confirm they agree to the terms and conditions of the Scholarship offer. Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the College and the College's decision is final. All scholarships are granted or withdrawn at the discretion of the Principal.

Scholarship Review

The Deputy Principal and Middle Schooling Leader will be responsible for reviewing the commitment of the scholarship holders to their personal education progress consistent with the principles of enrolment for all students and the policies of this document.

How to apply

To apply please complete and return the following documentation to smarenrolment@bne.catholic.edu.au:

- Completed application form
- Copies of the applicant's current and previous year school reports
- Any additional information about the applicant's academic and co-curricular achievements
- Any information supporting the potential contribution of the applicant to the goals of St Mary's College
- Any other supporting documentation for the applicant

Responsibility for implementation: Scholarship Selection Committee

Policy status: New

Key stakeholders: Families

Endorsement Body: Senior Leadership Team

Policy Author: Principal

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Date of Scheduled Review: 2027

The content of this policy can be changed at the College's discretion at any time without notification.