Christ Church Grammar School
SINCE 1898

Olivia Newton-John Vocal Scholarship

Entry to Year 3, Year 4 or Year 5 in 2027

Purpose

The Olivia Newton-John Vocal Scholarship is named after one of Christ Church Grammar School's most beloved and high-profile alumna, Dame Olivia Newton-John AO OBE. This scholarship is open to external students for entry into Year 3, Year 4 or Year 5 in 2027.

This scholarship recognises and encourages outstanding ability in a musical instrument including Voice. It provides financial assistance to students who demonstrate enthusiasm for learning, positive character and a commitment to contributing to the life of the School. The scholarship aims to nurture confidence, curiosity, leadership and active engagement throughout the student's primary years.

As part of the application process, parents/carers will be required to outline what receiving a scholarship would mean for their child and family, and how they believe their child would contribute positively to the School community.

Scholarship Coverage

The scholarship will provide:

- 50% tuition fee remission. Consolidated fees and charges will be applied.
- Waiver of enrolment fee.
- The scholarship will continue to apply through to graduation in Year 6, subject to annual review. Conditions relating to early withdrawal, including any repayment obligations, are set out in the Scholarship Conditions of Tenure.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be seeking entry in 2027 into Year 3, Year 4 or Year 5.
- Not currently be enrolled at CCGS. Open to external applicants only.
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- Demonstrate a commitment by parents/carers to supporting their child's educational journey and to the values of the school.
- Meet the school's enrolment requirements.

Selection Criteria

Scholarships will be awarded based on an holistic process that may include:

- Successful completion of an audition before a panel.
- Demonstrated excellence in music on the selected instrument.
- Demonstrated willingness to participate fully in the life of the School.

As a guideline, Instrumental applicants should have completed a minimum standard of AMEB Grade 2 or equivalent. Voice applicants need to have completed a minimum standard of AMEB Preliminary Grade or equivalent.

The successful applicant must be commit to being an active, ongoing participant in the wider co-curricular music program during each of their years as a student at Christ Church Grammar School.

1. Audition Requirements

The audition requirements include the following:

- The performance of a 10 minute recital, which includes at least two contrasting works on their selected instrument.
- Appropriate scales and arpeggios may be requested.
- Aural tests and sight reading may also be requested during the audition.
- Assessment criteria will include the applicants demonstrated engagement, energy, finesse, presentation, program choice, preparedness and potential.

2. Other Audition Information

It is preferable that pieces are played with the appropriate piano part (if applicable). Please organise to bring your own accompanist on the day if accompaniment is required.

Candidates will be offered a warmup room approximately 15 minutes prior to the audition.

3. Demonstrated Potential

The applicant shows:

- Evidence of positive engagement for learning and musical aptitude in their current setting.
- Alignment with the School's values of Respect, Integrity, Courage and Empathy.
- Character attributes such as resilience, kindness, initiative and perseverance.
- Participation and achievement in music activities such as Choirs, Ensembles, Orchestras, Eisteddfods etc.
- Social and emotional maturity appropriate for their age.

Evidence may be provided through school reports, NAPLAN results (where applicable), educator references, and details of participation in activities outside school.

4. Contribution to the School Community

Consideration may be given to students and families who:

- Will actively participate in the musical and academic life of the school, including but not limited to actively participating in relevant music activities, choirs and ensembles.
- Contribute positively to the school culture.
- Value partnership between home and school.

Assessment Process

Applications will be assessed by a Scholarship Committee against the published criteria.

The process may include:

- Review of application documentation.
- Interview with parents/carers/applicant.

Applications should be addressed to the Principal and lodged online or sent via email to registrar@ccgs.vic.edu.au prior to the closing date of Friday 4 September 2027.
It is anticipated applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application in the week of 14 September 2027.

Scholarship Renewal

To retain the scholarship through to Year 6, recipients must:

- Maintain satisfactory attendance.
- Demonstrate positive behaviour and engagement.
- Continue to uphold the school's values.
- Participate constructively in the ongoing musical and academic life of the school.

Scholarships will be reviewed annually and may be adjusted or withdrawn if conditions are not met.

Under normal circumstances, Scholarship holders are expected to remain at the School until the completion of Year 6. Early withdrawal may result in repayment of the scholarship value received to the date of withdrawal, as outlined in the Scholarship Conditions of Tenure.

Equity and Inclusion

The School is committed to ensuring equitable access to education and welcomes applications from students of diverse backgrounds.