

Scholarship Information

Good Shepherd College



BACKGROUND

As a Lutheran school, providing quality Christian co-education, *Good Shepherd College* is committed to recognising students' gifts and abilities. In acknowledging God's blessing to us, *Good Shepherd College* offers a number of scholarships to prospective students. These scholarships are intended to provide students with the financial support to further their education as well as reward achievement and effort.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Scholarships may be offered to students who are Australian residents, for academic, performing arts, sporting excellence, leadership, agriculture and other areas as determined by the Principal.

In addition to their scholarship requirements, all students at *Good Shepherd College* are encouraged to actively participate in co-curricular activities offered within our school.

The scholarship entitles the holder to the remission of a percentage of tuition fees only, dependent on the scholarship. Scholarships do not cover textbooks, uniforms, excursions, technology fees, or individual subject fees. All scholarships will be offered for the duration of two years. Scholarships will be reviewed annually with a mid-year progress review sent to parents.

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

A scholarship awarded by *Good Shepherd College* forms a confidential arrangement between the school and the family and must not be discussed with other parties.

It should be noted that if the student was to transfer to another school during the term of the scholarship, parents will be required to repay the scholarship percentage received from commencement to conclusion of the student's enrolment.

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GENERAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS



General Excellence Scholarships are awarded for **Academic Ability** together with at least **one additional area of excellence**.

Eligibility: *General Excellence Scholarships* are available to *Good Shepherd College* students and prospective students of *Good Shepherd College*, who show exceptional academic ability together with another area of distinguishable talent.

Awards: The awarding of a scholarship shall be determined on merit, at the discretion of the Principal, who will prepare a recommendation of the scholarship recipients to the College Board. The fee remission may be up to 50% of tuition fees.

Tenure: Each scholarship is valid for the duration of two years at *Good Shepherd College*. The scholarship is subject to review each semester, and will require satisfactory progress academically, adherence to the school policies and procedures and the student's continued achievement in the area of general excellence.

Students will be required to show outstanding participation and developmental achievement across a number of co-curricular activities as specified in their scholarship contract. Depending on the commitment required by the student in their area of excellence, exceptions may be made by the Principal.

Should a regular semester review determine a student has failed to successfully meet their scholarship obligations, counselling followed by a letter of advice shall be issued for corrective action to be taken by the student. The student shall then have the following semester to meet their initial scholarship requirements. In the event of the student returning an unsatisfactory second semester review, the scholarship may be reduced or cancelled as determined by the Principal. Additionally, scholarships will be reviewed annually by the Principal. If the student brings the school into disrepute in any way, the school will withdraw the scholarship immediately.

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Academic requirements: In order to meet the academic requirements of a *General Excellence Scholarship*, the student will be required to submit school reports for the last four semesters and have a personal interview. In addition, sitting the scholarship tests may also be required. The information gained from this assessment enables academic staff to effectively plan for the student's academic education. The Principal will review all information provided in determining the success of the scholarship.

Fees: There is no fee for a *General Excellence Scholarship* application, however the application must be submitted before the due date (as detailed on the *General Excellence Scholarship* application form).

Closing date: Applications may be submitted at any time up to the end of Term 1 for the following calendar year. Some exceptions will be made for late enrolments who are eligible and provided that not all available scholarships have been used.

Documentation required: Candidates will be required to provide:

- a completed Enrolment application form (if not previously submitted); and
- a completed *General Excellence Scholarship* application form; and
- detailed records of student involvement and achievement in areas of excellence e.g.
 - Sport (see section A for additional documentation required); and/or
 - Music (see section B for of additional documentation required); and/or
 - Visual and Performing Arts (see section B for additional documentation required)
 - Agriculture (subject to principal discretion); and
 - Leadership (subject to principal discretion)
- copies of the student's last two school years' reports; and
- references including names and contact details of at least two relevant and qualified coaches, tutors or teachers, citing the applicants' diligence, application, specific abilities and standards achieved in their area of excellence.

AREAS OF EXCELLENCE



Sport and Arts (Visual Arts and Performing Arts) remain the leading areas where students can display exceptional achievements.

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Sports: *Good Shepherd College* has a proud sporting tradition and a strong commitment to the local district programs. The school has discretionary power to determine in which activities, and to which students in a particular activity, it has the capacity to offer assistance and support.

It is a requirement that students who successfully gain admission on the basis of their sporting merit, will continue to participate fully in that sport (and others) during their years at the school.

Students who apply for the *General Excellence Scholarship* with *Sports* as an additional area of excellence, will be expected to make *Good Shepherd College* and its involvement in district sport their primary sporting commitment.

As a guide, the minimum level of achievement required is:

- selection in a Regional team competing in a State competition; or
- an equivalent standard of performance.

In addition to the documentation outlined in section 2, the following must be supplied:

- details of excellence e.g. individual times, representative teams made; and
- resume of abilities.

As many sports are relevant for only part of the school year, students with *General Excellence Scholarships* will also be required to commit to other school activities. It is the areas specified below in each individual scholarship that will form the basis of the scholarship review.

Arts: For students who apply for the *General Excellence Scholarship* with *Arts* as additional area of excellence, a high standard of achievement should be maintained in the following courses of study:

1. **Visual Arts** and/or
2. **Performing Arts** (Drama and/or Music).

Applicants are to submit an application with a portfolio as presentation of their work. Students who are considered eligible on the basis of their application, will receive an interview. During this interview, the student may be required to audition, or in visual arts provide additional information to support their application. The panel will include a teacher from the subject area.

Good Shepherd values the following qualities in the Arts:

- indications of the applicant's ability to think creatively and of their potential to succeed in an Arts course at Good Shepherd College;
- evidence of versatility, enterprise, inventiveness and a willingness to engage in contemporary arts and culture/s;
- evidence of the applicant's achievements in, or exposure to the arts; and
- evidence that the applicant is determined to pursue art interests as expressed in the school's course outlines

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1. Visual Arts:

In addition to the documentation outlined in Section 2, the following must be supplied:

- Records of awards, prizes and certificates of acknowledgment or participation;
- Portfolio:
 - A maximum of 10 images that best demonstrate current art achievements, working processes, commitment and potential;
 - It may contain photographs, colour photocopies of sketches and journal pages, printed digital images and/or short video excerpts (no more than 2 minutes each) on CD, DVD or USB;
 - Recording or film may be viewed at interview phase, especially in the area of drama, photography, design and Film and Television at the request of the panel.

Note: Diversity is the key aspect of successful applications and should be addressed within the submission.

A written response to a series of questions about the applicant's interest in Visual Arts, needs to be included at the front of the portfolio. The responses to these questions are important and should be answered as specifically and informatively as possible:

- A statement describing what attracts the applicant to a course of study in Visual Arts;
- A brief description of the contact the applicant has had with art, design, photography, filmmaking (exhibitions, galleries, cinema, books / articles / classes / workshops, etc);
- A summary of the types of visual arts activities the applicant has participated in or would like to learn more about; and
- A description of the applicant's Arts oriented goals for the future.

2. Performing Arts:

a. Drama

In addition to the documentation outlined in Section 2, the following must be supplied:

- Records of awards, prizes and certificates of acknowledgment or participation;
- Portfolio:
 - Resume of current drama achievements, workshops and participation in productions, courses or training that demonstrate commitment and potential;
 - It may contain photographs, reviews, printed digital images and/or short video excerpts (no more than 2 minutes of each performance) on CD, DVD or USB;
 - A short audition piece may be negotiated and presented at the interview phase.

A written response to a series of questions about the applicant's interest in Drama, needs to be included at the front of the portfolio. The responses to these questions are important and should be answered as specifically and informatively as possible:

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- A statement describing what attracts the applicant to a course of study in Drama;
- A brief description of the contact the applicant has had with theatre, workshops, festivals, youth theatre companies, tutors, classes and courses of dramatic study;
- A summary of the types of drama productions / activities the applicant has participated in or would like to learn more about; and
- A description of the applicant's Drama oriented goals for the future.

b. Music

Good Shepherd College seeks to encourage and support exceptional young performers (both instrumentalists and singers). The school has discretionary power to determine in which musical areas, and to which students in those areas, it has the capacity to offer assistance and support.

For the *General Excellence Scholarship* with *Music* as additional area of excellence, the student is expected to maintain his/her focus on the development of excellent musical standards for the duration of the scholarship. A continued involvement in classroom music and the ensemble programme of the school is expected.

In special cases, and particularly for more senior students, a special academic load can be negotiated to accommodate the considerable demands that pursuit of music excellence places upon exceptional young musicians.

In addition to the documentation outlined in Section 2, the following must be supplied:

- A high-quality recording (approx. 10 minutes of performance) on CD, DVD or USB; and
- A statement of recent repertoire, prizes, awards, and/or another relevant support material.

Subsequently a live audition may be requested.

To summarise, the *General Excellence Scholarship* is awarded to students entering *Good Shepherd College*, who are able to demonstrate outstanding abilities in **academic achievement** and one **additional area of excellence**:

- Sports:
- Arts
 - Visual Arts and/or
 - Performing Arts(Drama and/or Music);

And upon the Principal's discretion:

- Agricultural; and
- Leadership

Scholarships provide part remission of tuition fees, up to 50%, but do not cover additional costs such as levies, uniforms and textbooks. The terms and conditions of the *General Excellence Scholarship* are outlined in the *Scholarship Policy*. The tenure for a *General Excellence Scholarship* is two years, which is reviewed at the end of each semester.

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Scholarship Application Form

Please complete the following form and return it to enrolments@gsc.vic.edu.au if you'd like to apply for a *General Excellence Scholarship*.

APPLICANT DETAILS			
<i>Full Name</i>		<i>Date of Birth</i>	
<i>Australian Citizen</i>	<i>Yes / No</i>	<i>Year Level to Enrol</i>	
<i>Current School</i>			
PARENT DETAILS			
<i>Father's Name</i>		<i>Mobile</i>	
<i>Mother's Name</i>		<i>Mobile</i>	
<i>Home Address</i>			
<i>Email Address</i>			
GENERAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATION			
<i>Please choose the appropriate box to indicate the area of excellence for consideration:</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Academic Achievement</i> <i>(Compulsory)</i> <i>Please attach a copy of the student's last two school reports to your application.</i> <i>(Please don't send the original reports)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Sport</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Visual Arts</i> <i>Performing Arts</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Drama</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Music</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Agriculture</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Leadership</i>		

Parent/s signature: _____ Date: _____