



Edinburgh College

Scholarship Policy

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Rationale

- Edinburgh College offers a limited number of scholarships on an annual basis. Scholarships recognise achievement, enable success and assume a commitment to the college.
- The number of scholarships may vary from time to time and are dependent on the college's enrolment capacity.
- Scholarships are determined annually by a committee made up of the Principal, Heads of Campus' and other relevant Heads of Departments/Classes..
- Applicants should note that the college holds an expectation that all families should make a fair annual financial contribution.
- Edinburgh College stresses the holistic formation of its students and sees education as a partnership with families. Families are expected to share the philosophy, priorities and aims of the college, as set out in the college prospectus, and to support the ethos of the college. The college expects scholarship recipients to follow all Edinburgh College expectations and show broad commitment to college life beyond single areas of interest.
- Scholarships are tenable for a three year period. Scholarships are available for both prospective and current students. Year 7 scholarships are open to both internal and external applicants, while Year 10 scholarships are available exclusively to current students. They are advertised externally via the college website, digital and social media and through other advertising forms.
- All scholarships carry substantial concessions of fees throughout the duration of the Scholarship and it is a condition of the scholarship program that the scholarship recipient is subject to annual appraisal and review.
- Only one student concession can be held for a student at any one time.

Aims

- To ensure a fair and reasonable Scholarship process that is transparent and open to all parties involved.

Definition

A scholarship is a provision of subsidy for student college tuition fees based on criteria related to a student's strengths in a particular area of college.

Implementation

1. Process to Apply for Scholarship
 - a) Students/families wishing to apply for Scholarships can do so through the College website.
 - b) Applicants will have completed testing during the enrolment process. These, together with applicants academic transcripts, previous school reports, awards and documentation

demonstrating academic capabilities, will be used as guidance for the shortlisting of applicants.

- c) Shortlisted applicants may be invited for an interview. The interview panel (if required), chaired by the Principal or their delegate, will then select the successful candidates. In most cases, scholarships provide concession of tuition fees only (excluding levies).
- d) All scholarship applications are expected to meet the following criteria:
 - a. A commitment to embrace the Christian mission, philosophy and ethos of the college
 - b. Acceptable performance in an academic examination being at 'Above Standard' or higher on the achievements scale (Refer to appendix below for details)
- e) Demonstrated commitment to learning and involvement in the life of their school via past reports, references, academic awards and achievements
- f) The final decision on awarding scholarships will be made by the Scholarship's Committee.
- g) Scholarship recipients will be notified in writing
- h) The college will not enter into discussion concerning reasons for awarding or not awarding either interviews or scholarships. The college respects the confidentiality of each applicant and, as such, does not publicise information about scholarship recipients at any stage in the selection process. Similarly, results of scholarship examinations are confidential and not released by the college.

2. Scholarships categories

Scholarships are available in the following categories:

- Academic Excellence
- Innovation in STEAM
- Leadership and Service
 - Business
 - Community
 - Spiritual
- Performing Arts
 - Music/Bands
 - Production
 - Study outside of college
 - Special Performances
 - Community involvement
- Sports
 - Basketball Academy
 - Other sports students may excel in

3. Scholarship Recipients: Expectations, Commitment and Review

- a) Scholarship recipients will be subject to an annual review. The student will be expected to actively participate in the life of the college and meet all behavioural and conduct expectations. The student will need to maintain a satisfactory academic performance and attendance record.

- b) The academic review may involve an interview with the student to discuss progress, learning strategies and setting personal goals.
- c) Where any concern is held on performance, a meeting with the family will occur with prescribed objectives set for a defined period to ensure the student understands the minimum requirements of the scholarship going forward. Where such standards are still not met, the Scholarship Committee may resolve to withdraw the scholarship offer.
- d) All scholarship holders, together with their parents / guardians will be required to accept and sign a Scholarship Agreement that will detail the concession conditions. This will include committing to the Christian mission, ethos, program and expectations of the college. The agreement will also include details of the annual performance review.
- e) The college reserves the right to withdraw a scholarship in the event of unsatisfactory progress.

4. Withdrawal

- a) In the event that a student who receives a scholarship withdraws their enrolment from the college prior to completing their scholarship period, payment of the equivalent of tuition fees that have been discounted for the period enrolled under the scholarship arrangement becomes payable. For example, if a student withdraws after two years of 50% scholarship funding, the two years of 50% fees become due and payable upon withdrawal of enrolment.
- b) The amount to be reimbursed by the family may only be changed at the discretion of the Principal/Business Manager in circumstances such as the family having to relocate interstate or internationally due to parents' work commitments.

5. Scholarship Program and Policy Review

- a) The Program will be subject to review and reporting by the college Leadership Team. The policy will be formally reviewed every 12 months.

Addendum

- Scholarships are offered for a three year term for students entering Year 7 or Year 10.
- Scholarship recipients will receive a 25% discount on the tuition fees for the life of the scholarship (usually three years)
- The following are the Australian Curriculum ratings as mentioned in 1 d) above:
 - A = Well Above the Standard expected at this time in the year
 - B = Above the Standard expected at this time in the year
 - C = At the Standard expected at this time in the year
 - D = Below the Standard expected at this time in the year
 - E = Well Below the Standard expected at this time in the year

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