



## SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

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### CONTEXT

As Marist school, Sacred Heart College Senior is committed to fostering and promoting academic achievement, as well as assisting families who are economically marginalised. The basis of this philosophy is found in the Vision Statement of the school, which justifies the endowment of funds for those who fulfil the criteria for each respective scholarship.

### PRINCIPLES

- Scholarships are offered at particular stages throughout the school to:
  - promote academic achievement
  - assist families whose financial circumstances might otherwise preclude them from attending the school.
- A variety of scholarship will be available to cater for differing abilities and circumstances of students and the criteria associated with each scholarship will be made available to the entire school community.
- Entry for scholarships will be promoted and be accessible to all students.
- Scholarships will be facilitated by the school personnel but recipients endorsed by the School Executive
- Scholarship winners will be published and promoted within the school community
- The range and nature of the scholarships will be the object of annual review by the School Executive

### PROCEDURES

The details of each scholarship, selection procedures and expectations associated with scholarship endowment are outlined as follows:

#### **Foundation Scholarship**

Currently under review.

#### **Indigenous Scholarship**

Indigenous scholarships are awarded to students in Years 10, 11 or 12 who satisfy the enrolment criteria and have a desire to be educated in the Marist tradition.

Criteria for selection:

- Students must be eligible for Abstudy
- Students must have the approval of families and local communities before applying for scholarships
- Students need to have a sufficient understanding of English language that will allow them to access the curriculum at senior secondary school level.

Selection process:

Upon receipt of an application the College Administration will review the criteria associated with the applicant. In the normal course of events, contact is made either directly or indirectly with the applicant and their family so that a personal assessment of the individual circumstances can be undertaken.

### **Sam Climpson-Stewart Scholarship**

This Scholarship is awarded to an existing Year 10 student entering Year 11 at Sacred Heart College Senior.

The Criteria are:

- Will be a Boarder at Sacred Heart College
- Is respected by staff and peers for contribution made to the spirit of the Boarding House
- Is involved in the wider life of the school

Selection process:

The Business Manager consults with the Director of Boarding to determine a list of worthy recipients. The final decision is made by the Business Manager and the Principal.

### **Nicholas Peterson Bursary**

The bursary is to be awarded to an existing Year 11 boarding student for their Year 12 studies who is a good all-rounder and who exhibits to a high degree the personal qualities that were characteristic of Nick Peterson.

These include:

- A person who has made a significant contribution to the school and the wider community
- A person who has demonstrated initiative and responsibility and has been a role model for others
- A person who has demonstrated courage
- A person who has been inclusive and welcoming of others
- A person who has been a risk-taker, comfortable with their own individuality

Selection process:

The student is to be selected by a panel of Boarding House staff chaired by the Director of Boarding, and a recommendation is then to be made to the Principal.

### **Henry Whiting Bursary**

The Henry Whiting Bursary was established by the Whiting Family in memory of their late son and brother Henry Whiting. The Bursary provides an allocated sum towards school fees for a boarding student to complete Years 11 and 12 at Sacred Heart College.

Criteria for the Bursary:

The bursary will be subject to an annual review of the student's ability to remain within the initial selection criteria. At the discretion of the Whiting Family and the School Principal a bursary may, from time to time, be offered to a student on a one-year basis.

Criteria for selection:

- The Bursaries are open to all Year 11 students, but preference will be given to those families who find boarding fees a considerable burden.
- The students must be able to demonstrate a willingness to apply themselves to study and work to the best of their ability.
- It is an expectation that the student will be involved in school activities and have a commitment to their community both at home and at the College.

Selection process

- The student's family will be required to formally apply for a bursary for their son or daughter by completing a bursary application form.
- A short list of applicants will be drafted and those students will be interviewed by a select committee.
- All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application.
- The bursary will be presented at the End of Year Mass.

## **Old Collegians Scholarship**

Applicants must be current Year 11 students at Sacred Heart College who will be completing their Year 12 studies at the College.

Applicants must demonstrate academic aptitude.

Applicants must demonstrate contribution towards/involvement in the Sacred Heart College community including both curricular and co-curricular activities.

Applications must include:-

- Photocopies of current Year 11 results
- 500-800 word essay referring to the following:-
  - How you have contributed to the College community eg. Co-curricular/community activities?
  - How can you contribute to improving the relationship between the old collegians and the current SHC students?
  - In what way has Sacred Heart College benefited you in your life?

The final decision on the recipient of the scholarship will be based on their written application and their interview.

Expectations of recipient of scholarship:-

- That they will be the College representative for SHOC Association;
- They will present at assembly throughout the year
  - After receiving the scholarship the student is expected to raise awareness and inform the current students about SHOC and their role in the College community;
  - Prior to the applications being opened for the ensuing year's scholarship, the student will be expected to inform the Yr 11 students about the scholarship and the criteria and application process.
- The Scholarship recipient will be allocated a mentor from the SHOC Association committee to provide guidance and to be a liaison for their SHOC role throughout the year.

Please click on this link to access the [Application Form](#) for the Old Collegians Scholarship.

### **Cessation of the Scholarship**

Tenure of any scholarship shall cease if a student ceases to be enrolled at Sacred Heart College for any reason whatsoever.

Ideally, a student will hold only one scholarship or bursary at any one time at Sacred Heart College Senior.

The Principal may, with reasonable notice, revoke a scholarship for any reason he judges appropriate, and particularly if a student is guilty of a serious misdemeanour, persistent and wilful misconduct, or persistent refusal to meet academic dead-lines and reasonable expectations of work.

In each instance, recommendations regarding scholarship winners will be made to the Principal for approval.

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