



Policy **Scholarships and Bursaries**

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Rationale

Mount St Bernard College provides scholarships and bursaries (fee assistance) to:

- Maintain and improve our high standards of achievement by recruiting and retaining outstanding students.
- Provide opportunities for appropriately qualified students who would not otherwise be able to attend or remain at the school for financial or family reasons.
- Meet special needs of the school e.g. to fill gaps in a particular interest area of the school.

Availability of scholarships & Bursaries

- Scholarship application and selection occurs each year (usually Term 3). Applications are made via the link on the College website or via the College office.
- Scholarships may be offered to families for partial remission of tuition fees for their child.
- Current students are eligible to apply for scholarships.
- The decision to award a scholarship is entirely at the Principal's discretion.
- Names of scholarship holders will be published in College marketing and various community media platforms.
- Academic scholarships are generally offered based on an application form, previous school reports and other references.
- Mercy scholarships are generally offered based on an application, references, supporting documents and interview and reference from clergy if applicable.
- Scholarships are offered to external students in their last year of primary school and in their current Year 9 or 10 year.
- All bursaries are reviewed annually.
- The award or continuation of a scholarship/bursary is subject to satisfactory performance, effort, and behaviour.

Year levels of entry

- Scholarships will generally be offered at entry to Junior School (Year 7 or 8) or to Senior School (Year 9 or 10).

Value of scholarships

All scholarships offer 50% remission of tuition fees only (school levies are not covered)

Duration of scholarships

- The tenure of a scholarship will be to the end of the scholarship holder's secondary education, subject to annual review.
- A scholarship offer may not be deferred. If a student is not able to take up a scholarship in the year offered, they will be invited to re-apply later.
- After commencement of a scholarship, it may be suspended for up to two years for reasons of temporary relocation due to parental work commitments or other circumstances.
- All scholarships are reviewed annually.
- The continuation of a scholarship depends on exemplary performance, effort, behaviour and can continue until the end of the student's tenure at Mount St Bernard College.