

SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

Rationale

Scholarships are awarded at Dominic College for students in Years 7-10 to further and enrich their secondary education. Scholarships are offered to students who demonstrate talent and/or achievement in particular areas of learning. The intent of a scholarship is to support such students in their endeavours to achieve high levels of accomplishment.

Scholarships complement the College's program of financial assistance to disadvantaged students and families in need.

Scholarships are awarded to students on established criteria and reflect the values and purposes of the award. The purpose of the College Scholarship Program is to:

- 1. Encourage the choice of Dominic College as a high school destination for talented students;*
- 2. Promote aspects of the College in which it has traditionally excelled and offers a strong program of study;*
- 3. Facilitate opportunities for outstanding students to benefit from quality experiences at the College that enable them to explore their skills and talents in the area of Scholarship and to strive for significant goals.*

Types of Scholarships

The College has a strong history of achievement by Old Scholars in a number of areas. In particular many Old Scholars enjoy great success in four chosen fields.

The College offers scholarships for these four different dimensions:

- 1. Creative Arts, (Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Art)*
- 2. Sports*
- 3. Science*
- 4. Creative Writing*

Eligibility for a Scholarship

Any student not currently enrolled in a Catholic secondary school (other than Dominic College) and who shows a passion for and talent in one of the four areas is eligible to apply for one of our scholarships.

Scholarships

A limited number of half and full scholarships are available each academic year. The half scholarship will represent a 50% reduction in tuition fees.

The full scholarship will cover the complete tuition fees for the total time the selected student spends at Dominic.

The awarding of scholarships is at the discretion of the College Principal.

Selection Criteria

Students will be selected for a scholarship based on the criteria below.

- 1. Demonstrated skills in the Creative Arts, Sports, Science or Creative Writing.*
- 2. Demonstrated participation in the Creative Arts, Sports, Science or Creative Writing.*
- 3. A strong commitment to the Creative Arts, Sports, Science or Creative Writing;*
- 4. The potential to show leadership in the Creative Arts, Sports, Science or Creative Writing.*
- 5. The commitment to use these gifts in the service of others.*

Selection Process

Applications for Scholarships involve a written application (inclusive of a portfolio) and an interview or audition process.

The selection Panel for scholarships will be appointed by the College Principal.

Scholarship Recipient Obligations and Expectations

Students who are successful in obtaining a scholarship are expected to demonstrate leadership and a high level of participation in the programs at Dominic College.

They will be expected to:

- 1. Be highly involved in the area of their scholarship award.*
- 2. Develop their own skills during their time at Dominic and model good practice to other students.*
- 3. Commit to model standards of behaviour, attendance, diligence, effort and service.*
- 4. Work diligently in all subject areas, including those that are not their speciality.*
- 5. Be involved in the range of co-curricular activities on offer at the College.*

Scholarship Retention

Dominic College reserves the right to withdraw an ongoing scholarship to a student if they do not meet the expectations of a scholarship recipient. This will only be done given reasonable notice and opportunities to improve standards of participation.

Students may also withdraw from the scholarship if they feel no longer able to abide by the expectations of the scholarship award.

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