As a Lutheran school providing quality Christian co-education, St Peters is committed to recognising students' gifts and abilities. In acknowledging God’s blessings to us, St Peters offers a number of scholarships to existing and prospective students.

Scholarships are awarded to students who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or Permanent Residents for academic, music, drama, visual arts, sport, boarding and other areas as determined by the Head of College.

In addition to their scholarship requirements, all students at St Peters are expected to actively participate in a minimum of two (2) co-curricular activities offered within the College.

Scholarships apply to tuition fees but do not apply to levies or other costs e.g. uniforms. Please note that St Peters Lutheran College does not offer 100% scholarships.

A scholarship awarded by St Peters Lutheran College forms a confidential arrangement between the College and the family, and must not be discussed with other parties.

It should be noted that if the student was to transfer to another Brisbane high school before the end of Year 12, parents will be required to repay the scholarship percentage received from commencement to conclusion of the student’s enrolment.

1. Excellence Scholarships

Excellence scholarships are awarded to students who first and foremost show strong academic ability, and then show a high level of excellence in more than one co-curricular area. Scholarships apply to tuition fees only, and not to levies or other costs e.g. uniforms or boarding fees.

**Eligibility:** Excellence Scholarships are available to St Peters students entering Years 7 - 11. Current students in Years 6 – 10 may also apply for these Scholarships. Applicants must be Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or Australian Permanent Residents. Temporary visa holders (eg 188 visa, 457 visa, 500 visa etc) are not eligible to apply.

**Awards:** The awarding of a scholarship shall be determined on merit at the discretion of the Head of College or delegate and Scholarship Committee. Please note that St Peters Lutheran College does not offer 100% scholarships.

**Tenure:** Each scholarship is valid for the duration of the student’s enrolment at St Peters Lutheran College. The scholarship is subject to academic and co-curricular review each semester, and will require satisfactory progress in all areas of College life, adherence to College policies and procedures and the student’s continued achievement in the nominated areas of excellence.

Students will be required to show outstanding participation and developmental achievement across a number of co-curricular activities throughout the College 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 Head of College.

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 Scholarship Testing Committee. Additionally, Scholarships will be reviewed annually by the Deputy Head of College.

The Head of College and Scholarship Committee will review all information (e.g. Enrolment Application, previous two years School reports, NAPLAN results and Scholarship Application) provided in determining the success of the scholarship application.

**Fees:** There is no scholarship application fee for an Excellence Scholarship application; however, the application must be submitted with an online Enrolment application (if not previously submitted) at www.stpeters.qld.edu.au and a $100.00 Enrolment processing fee (as detailed on the Excellence Scholarship Application Form).

**Closing date:** Applications need to be submitted by 01 June in the year prior to entry.

**Documentation required:** Candidates will be required to provide:
- a completed online Enrolment application form (if not previously submitted) and a $100.00 Enrolment processing fee (if not previously paid); and
- a completed Excellence Scholarship application form; and
- copies of the student’s last two years’ school reports including details of any academic awards; and
- detailed records of student involvement and achievement in areas of co-curricular areas of excellence; 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. Note references should not be from a form class teacher or relative.
A. Specific requirements for Arts scholarships

Arts scholarships require students to select courses of study across Visual Arts (Art, Design Studies and Film Television and New Media) and Performing Arts (Drama and/or Music).

International Baccalaureate (IB) Arts students must commit to studying Art or Music (Group 6) as part of the IB program in Years 11 and 12.

Applicants submit an application with folio/presentation indicating which scholarship they are applying for by the published closing date. Students considered eligible on the basis of their application will be invited to an interview. At this time, they 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. The interview panel will make a recommendation to the Head of College or delegate responsible for the awarding of scholarships. At this time the value or nature of the scholarship offered will be determined.

St Peters 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 St Peters.
• 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.
• Evidence the applicant is determined to pursue art interests as expressed in the College course outlines.

(i) Visual Arts

In addition to the documentation outlined in Section 1, 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.
  b) 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. Diversity is the key aspect of successful applications and should be addressed within the submission.
  c) An additional folio, 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.

• Written response to a series of questions about your interest in Visual Art. The responses to these questions are important and should be answered as specifically and informatively as possible. Include responses at the front of the folio/package.
  a) A statement describing what attracts the applicant to a course of study in Visual Arts.
  b) A brief description of the contact the applicant has had with art, design, photography, film making (exhibitions, galleries, cinema, books/articles/classes/workshops, etc.).
  c) A summary of the types of visual arts activities in which the applicant has participated in or would like to learn more about.
  d) A description of the applicant’s Arts orientated goals for the future.

(ii) Drama

In addition to the documentation outlined in Section 1, the following must be supplied:

• Records of awards, prizes and certificates of acknowledgment or participation.

• Portfolio:
  a) Resumé of current drama achievements, workshops and participation in productions, courses or training that demonstrate commitment and potential.
  b) 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.
  c) A short audition piece may be negotiated and presented at the interview phase.

• Written response to a series of questions about your interest in drama. The responses to these questions are important and should be answered as specifically and informatively as possible. Include responses at the front of the folio/package.
a) A statement describing what attracts the applicant to a course of study in Drama.

b) A brief description of the contact the applicant has had with theatre, workshops, festivals, youth theatre companies, tutors, classes and courses of dramatic study.

c) A summary of the types of arts activities in which the applicant has participated in or would like to learn more about.

d) A description of the applicant’s Arts orientated goals for the future.

(iii) Music

Music Scholarships are offered to exceptional young performers who possess a strong desire to improve and perform music to the highest level. St Peters offers a supportive environment with a wealth of performance opportunities to ensure music students are constantly challenged, actively engaged and well-informed musicians.

The College 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.

Application Requirements

Year 7 Minimum entry criteria:

- **Strings:** AMEB Grade 6 or equivalent
- **Woodwind:** AMEB Grade 4 or equivalent
- **Brass & Percussion:** AMEB Grade 4 or equivalent
- **Voice:** AMEB Grade 2 or equivalent
- **Piano:** AMEB Grade 7 or equivalent

Students who play Bassoon, Double Bass, French Horn, Oboe, Tuba and Viola may be given priority in the allocation of an audition even if they are at a lower level than the above required standard.

It is requirement that all Excellence Scholarship Applicants for Music should submit the following documents:

- Copy of their most recent AMEB Practical Exam result sheet
- Copy of their most recent AMEB Theory/Musicianship Certificate
- Comment sheets/marks from External Eisteddfods or Competitions
- DVD of two contrasting pieces on their main instrument. If auditioning on two instruments, then one piece on each will suffice.

NOTE: Current St Peters students are not required to submit a DVD with their application if the relevant Head of Department is fully aware of their performance level.

Application Shortlisting Process (Live Auditions)

Applications and DVDs will be viewed and shortlisted based on the above criteria. Applicants that demonstrate a very high-performance standard will be invited to a live audition.

Live Auditions require the applicant to perform two contrasting pieces and attend an interview (parents included) with the Co-Directors of Music. St Peters currently provides a piano accompanist free of charge for the live audition process which is scheduled for 30 mins in total.

B. Specific requirements for Sporting scholarships

St Peters Lutheran College has a proud sporting tradition and a strong commitment to the development of the physical wellbeing of its students. 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. 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.

The College recognizes all mainstream sports, and supports students who endeavour to achieve at the highest level.
In addition to the documentation outlined in section 1, the following must be supplied:

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

**Additional commitments:**

Since many sports are relevant for only part of the school year, students with Excellence Scholarships will also be required to commit to other College activities.

**Years 7-10:** Students are to commit to one whole year school-based plus two term-based activities i.e. applicants must nominate three areas in total (at least one sport plus two additional sport or cultural activities, such as performing arts, visual arts or music).

**Years 11 and 12:** Students are to commit to one school-based sport plus one term-based activity i.e. applicants must nominate two areas in total (at least one sport plus one additional sport or cultural activity, such as performing arts, visual arts or music).