



Blackheath & Thornburgh
College

2027 BLACKTHORN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

APPLICANT GUIDELINES

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INTRODUCTION

The Blackthorn Scholars Program commenced in 2025 following a generous donation to the College Foundation, providing opportunities for students displaying excellence in education to further explore, evolve and expand their talents. This scholarship recognises students with outstanding academic promise and a drive to pursue further learning and career opportunities beyond their time at BTC.

To be considered for a Scholarship in 2027, students must submit an online Scholarship Application. This process also involves registering to attend the College for one of our on-site testing dates in 2026.

To register for the 2027 Blackthorn Scholars Program, please contact our College Registrar via phone; 07 4787 5100 or email; enrolments@btc.qld.edu.au. Please note that Registration will incur a \$99 cost to families.

Testing will be held on-site at Blackheath & Thornburgh College on the following dates:

- **Saturday 2 May, 2026**
- **Saturday 23 May, 2026**



ABOUT US

At Blackheath & Thornburgh College, we take pride in being a close and caring College community of around 470 students, including 150 boarders. Our size allows us to focus on the individual, ensuring each student is seen, supported and inspired to reach their full potential.

Small class sizes and dedicated teachers create an environment where learning is personal and meaningful. Every student benefits from individual attention, interactive learning experiences and passionate teaching that sparks curiosity and confidence.

Our College embraces cultural diversity, welcoming students from a variety of backgrounds and locations. This enriches our community and strengthens the sense of belonging that defines BTC.

Set in a safe and nurturing environment, away from the distractions of city life, our campus provides the space and support students need to thrive - both academically and personally. With a strong sense of community and service, we encourage our students not only to discover who they are, but also to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

OUR VALUES

- G** Give where others will take
- O** Own your decisions, be accountable
- I** Invest in your own success
- T** Talent does not substitute for character
- B** Build your skills by exploring the unknown
- L** Lean into a challenge, as that is where you will grow
- U** Understand and appreciate the beauty of diversity
- E** Embrace opportunities to lead (know the way, go the way, show the way)

GO IT BLUE





ELIGIBILITY

- Be an Australian citizen.
- Reside in an area recognised as a regional, rural or remote location.

Pathway 1: New enrolments to the College

- Students looking to enrol at the College for Year 7, 10 and 11 entry points.
- Students must complete the Edutest standardised online testing and achieve a stanine 7 or above in at least 3 of the 5 testing areas inclusive of at least one numeracy area (Verbal Reasoning, Numerical Reasoning, Reading Comprehension, Mathematics, Written Expression).

Pathway 2: Existing students

- Current BTC students moving into Year 7 and 11.
- Students must complete the Edutest standardised online testing and achieve a stanine 7 or above in at least 3 of the 5 testing areas inclusive of at least one numeracy area (Verbal Reasoning, Numerical Reasoning, Reading Comprehension, Mathematics, Written Expression).
- Students must be maintaining an overall grade of 85% or above across Mathematics, English, Science, HASS in their current school year.

VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

Boarding Students

- Up to 70% Boarding and Tuition applied directly by BTC to the student's College account

Day Students

- Up to 70% Tuition applied directly by BTC to the student's College account

CONDITIONS

Please take into account the following conditions before applying:

- Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Principal, the Principal's decision is final.
- Families will be notified in writing once Scholarship Program recipients have been identified.
- Scholarships are not transferable to another school or student.
- Scholarships do not include any incidental expenses such as uniforms, textbooks, stationery, transport costs etc.
- Items of personal expenditure (for example, toiletries, casual clothes etc.) are not included in the Scholarship.
- All Scholarship recipients not currently enrolled at the College will be required to undertake the College's enrolment process, including the completion of enrolment forms, payment of monies and submission of appropriate documentation.
- As per the Blackheath & Thornburgh College Scholarship Policy, no 'Sibling Discount' will apply to the applicant if granted a Scholarship.



CONDITIONS

- The Scholarship holder will be subject to all the rules and regulations of the College in the same way as are all other students. This extends to the College's behaviour management policy and to the College's right to dismiss the student if, in the College's opinions, such action becomes necessary.
- The College may terminate any Scholarship at any time, where in its opinion, the terms of the award are not being met.
- Blackheath & Thornburgh College reserves the right not to award a Scholarship if, in its opinion, no applicant is worthy of the award.

The continuation of the Scholarship will be contingent upon the student adhering to the following requirements:

- Continued academic performance - maintaining an overall grade of 85% or above across Mathematics, English, Science and HASS (reviewed at the conclusion of each semester).
- Continued participation and involvement in the extra-curricular life of the College to the Principal's satisfaction.
- Upholding the Go it Blue values when representing themselves across the school and wider community.
- Dress, bearing, manners and behaviour continuing to be of a high standard, and to the satisfaction of the Principal.
- Fees and other monies owed to the College or its agencies being paid promptly.





SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TIMELINE

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Program Opens

1 MARCH 2026

Applications for Scholarships open.

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Scholarship Testing

2 MAY 2026 & 23 MAY 2026

All Scholarship applicants must register to sit a test regardless of which category of Scholarship they apply for.

Applications close 7 days prior to each testing date.

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Scholarship Outcomes

JULY 2026

Outcomes of Scholarships will be communicated to all families.

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Transition Experience

9-10 OCTOBER 2026

Students who have accepted an offer of enrolment at the College for a place in 2027 are invited to attend our Transition Experience, where they will experience 'a day in the life of a BTC student'.

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Get Ready!

NOVEMBER 2026

The College will provide information to families to assist in preparing for the year ahead. Information such as House allocation, book lists, uniform lists etc. are typically released at this time.

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Welcome!

JANUARY 2027

Keep an eye on your emails, as this is when you will start receiving correspondence about the commencement of the school year.



Inspired by Tradition



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