



Blackheath & Thornburgh
College

2027 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICANT GUIDELINES

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INTRODUCTION

Blackheath & Thornburgh College invites applications for our 2027 Scholarship Program.

To be considered for a Scholarship in 2027, students must submit an Online Scholarship Application, including submission of all required documentation for the Scholarship category applied for. This process also involves registering to attend the College for one of our on-site testing dates in 2026.

Students not already enrolled at the College are also required to submit a College Enrolment Application.

To register for the 2027 Scholarship Program, please visit our College website and click on one of the applicable registration links. Registration will incur an \$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**

Note: If you are unable to attend testing on-site, there may be an opportunity for families to arrange testing at alternative locations. This will be approved at the discretion of the College, and families will need to cover any associated costs and facilitate appropriate testing conditions. Please contact the College Registrar to discuss further.



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

- New and current students of Blackheath & Thornburgh College may apply.
- Applicants must be entering Year 7 in 2027.
- Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia.
- Students who demonstrate sound character traits and a potential to lead.
- Students with a willingness to participate in a variety of educational and school-related activities.
- Students who can provide evidence of active participation and achievement in co-curricular programs where necessary, eg. sport, visual arts, drama, music, debating or community service.

Students can apply for multiple Scholarship categories within a single application. However, applicants must ensure that their supporting documentation meets the requirements for all selected categories. Additionally, students should clearly indicate which Scholarship categories they are applying for in their Student Personal Statement (see more information below).

STUDENT PERSONAL STATEMENT & SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

In addition to registering for the Scholarship program, all students must upload a student personal statement (minimum 300-words) to the Edutest Portal. In this statement, students must:

- introduce themselves,
- specify which Scholarship/s they are applying for,
- outline their personal qualities,
- make mention of any special awards received, contributions to school/family/social communities, participation and/or selection in relevant programs that highlight student expertise or personal values, and,
- include how they will contribute to the College community.

All work produced and provided must belong to the student.

Supporting documentation where applicable, for example, certificates of achievement, awards, references from coaches etc. may also be uploaded to the Edutest Portal.

NEW STUDENTS

Upon completion of Scholarship registration, new students must also complete an online Enrolment Application prior to Scholarship Testing. When completing this online form, you will need the following documentation:

- Birth certificate
- Immunisation record
- 3 most recent School Report cards
- NAPLAN testing results.

You will not need to pay the \$50 enrolment application fee - please contact the College Registrar to obtain a discount code in order to waive this fee.



CATEGORIES

ACADEMIC

Academic Scholarships cover a percentage of tuition fees applicable to enrolment. Students will demonstrate a commitment to achieving academic excellence, evidenced through school references and awards, participation and/or selection in programs or academic extension events and activities, as well as any other demonstrable evidence relating to high levels of achievement and contribution.

SPORT

Our College has a rich sporting history and continues to offer outstanding sporting opportunities for students. Our particular strengths are, but not limited to, Rugby League, Netball, Cricket, Tennis, Softball and Interschool competitions which include Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country. Sporting Scholarships cover a percentage of tuition fees applicable to enrolment. Students will demonstrate, through references and results, strong sportsmanship and athletic ability at a local or regional representative level or above.

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

Creative & Performing Arts Scholarships cover a percentage of tuition fees applicable to enrolment. Recipients of Creative & Performing Arts Scholarships are typically students who will add to the life of the school in areas of arts and culture. Characteristically, this student will be academically capable and have demonstrated strengths in a number of areas, which may include but are not limited to drama, music, visual arts, dance and language.

LOCAL CHAMPIONS

Local Champions Scholarships cover a percentage of tuition fees applicable to enrolment. The Local Champions Scholarships are available for outstanding young people in rural and remote Queensland who have displayed leadership skills in one or more of the following areas:

- Leadership roles (eg. School or House Captain, student council representative)
- Community group leaders (eg. Scouts, Girl Guides, sporting clubs)
- Recognised volunteering efforts or coordination of charitable initiatives

BOARDING BURSARY

Boarding bursaries cover a percentage of boarding costs. Boarding bursaries offer the opportunity for students who are passionate about education to overcome the barriers of distance and access.





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.
- 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's:

- Continued academic performance at a level deemed satisfactory by the Principal.
- Continued participation and involvement in the extra-curricular life of the College to the Principal's satisfaction.
- Dress, bearing, manners and behaviour continuing to be of a high standard, and to the satisfaction of the Principal.
- Fees and other monies owing 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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