



NEWMAN
CATHOLIC COLLEGE
SMITHFIELD

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QUEENSLAND

SCHOLARSHIPS



Excellence in Catholic Character



Academic Excellence



Excellence in The Arts



Excellence in STEM



Excellence in Community Leadership



Sports Excellence

A black and white portrait of St. John Henry Newman, an elderly man with white hair, wearing a dark jacket and a white clerical collar. He is shown in profile, looking to the right, with his right hand resting on his ear. The background is a plain, light color.

***“ If we are intended for great ends,
we are called to great hazards. ”***

- St John Henry Newman

ABOUT US

INTRODUCTION TO NEWMAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

OUR VISION

Newman Catholic College is a welcoming and inclusive community and has at its heart an Encounter with the Gospel and a clear Catholic Identity.

Here we:

- Give daily witness to the presence of Christ amongst us;
- Inspire and support others to seek the Truth; and
- Support innovative thinkers to teach and learn together.

Together with James Cook University we believe in the power of education to develop people to lead lives of purpose and meaning.

If “we love one another, God remains in us” (1Jn4:12) ... so ... “let all that we do be done in love” (1Cor16:14)

OUR MISSION

As fully participating members of our Catholic College Community we will:

- Give witness to the presence of Christ amongst us.
- Be open to a personal encounter with Christ.
- Engage in prayer and worship to experience the sacred mystery of God’s presence.
- Appreciate the centrality of the Eucharist to our Catholic story.
- Celebrate the First Nations peoples who continue to enrich our Newman Catholic College’s story.



- Celebrate and educate the whole person, acknowledging gifts and talents, rights and responsibilities, and culture.
- Strive to remain exemplary, relevant, contemporary, adaptable, future focused and agile enough to respond to future change.
- Share and seek the truth of Christ’s message passionately.
- Value positive relationships including all members of family, parish, and community.
- Teach all to see the beauty and the goodness of creation and of humanity, which always retains the imprint of the Creator.
- Acknowledge and promote the wellbeing of all within the community.
- Embrace our responsibility to serve others.
- Foster meaningful and respectful relationships with James Cook University community and the wider Smithfield and Cairns communities.

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

We invest in potential, reward talent and celebrate success

We are invigorated by the words of Saint John Henry Newman

“God has created me to do Him some definite service.” God created you intentionally and has blessed us with a unique set of gifts and talents that He wants us to use for some service or good works. This intentional creating of you is closely linked to love. God has created you in love, and because of love he calls us to do him some definitive service. This is how it was with St. Peter. First came love, then came call and mission: “Yes, Lord you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs, feed my sheep” (John 21:15 ff). The Lord loves us first and calls us second.

Newman Catholic College offers a range of Scholarships for new and continuing students to support each person to reach their potential, to reward success and celebrate talent.

At Newman we track each student attending to their diverse needs with additional support and offer scholarships to those who demonstrate high performance and talent. These scholarships are made available for highly accomplished students across a wide range of fields.

Here at Newman our scholarships are based on your performance. Our scholarships cover a percentage of the tuition component of school fees for an academic year only. Students may make application, at any time, for any scholarship. There is no limit to the number of scholarships awarded. Every scholarship has different eligibility criteria – so you can apply for as many as you're eligible for.

Scholarship applications are invited for:

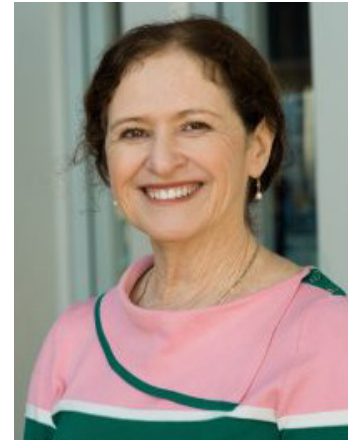
- Excellence in Catholic Character
- Academic Excellence
- Excellence in The Arts
- Excellence in STEM (Science, Engineering & Mathematics)
- Excellence in Community Leadership
- Sports Excellence

Let us help you be the best you can be, so that through your life you can help others be the best they can be.

**At the heart of who we are is not
all the buildings but the person
Of Jesus Christ, who enters into
our lives and who we then share
with others.**

...Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

Achieve your study goals and future life pathways with a Newman Scholarship, apply today.



Dr Laretta Graham
Principal



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

We are extremely proud to officially present the Newman Catholic College Scholarship program outlined throughout this handbook. As Deputy Principal, it is with great enthusiasm that I introduce you to this guide, which embodies our commitment to recognising individuals within our community for their dedication to their learning, fostering a culture of excellence through a range of programs and ensuring the continuation of the enduring legacy of St. John Henry Newman.

The essence of offering excellence scholarships lies in our dedication to recognising and supporting individuals who demonstrate exceptional promise, not only academically but also in their character and leadership. As St. John Henry Newman advocated, *“Growth is the only evidence of life.”* Through these scholarships, we aim to provide opportunities for our students to flourish, to stretch their intellectual boundaries, and to realise their full potential.

Moreover, St. John Henry Newman emphasised the importance of cultivating a holistic approach to education, one that encompasses the development of the mind, body, and spirit. In line with this philosophy, the Newman Catholic College Scholarship program not only rewards academic achievement but also celebrates qualities such as integrity, resilience, and service to others. We believe that true excellence encompasses not only scholarly pursuits but also moral and ethical leadership.

I invite you to explore this handbook and discover the opportunities that the Newman Catholic College Scholarship program has to offer. Together, let us embrace the spirit of St. John Henry Newman and strive for excellence in all endeavours, knowing that through education, we have the power to transform lives and enrich our communities.

This program is proudly supported by our Leaders of Department: Religious Education, Mr Chris Graham; HPE, Sport and Outdoor Education, Mr Zane Dockray; The Arts, Mrs Katherine Fraser; and STEM, Mr Radburnd (Science), Mrs Auld (Technologies) and Mr Prasad Nair (Mathematics).



Mr Stephen Godfrey
Deputy Principal



THE PROCESS

TIMEFRAMES AND SELECTION ROUNDS

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Submit an Expression Of Interest via [NCC Scholarships EOI Form.](#)

The Scholarship brochure detailing eligibility criteria will be sent to you for consideration.

APPLICATION AND PAYMENT

Complete the [NCC Application Form](#) and Make Payment [via Payment Link.](#)

Submit the required supporting documentation to ncc.scholarships@cns.catholic.edu.au.

Once reviewed, an email will be sent to confirm whether you will progress to the next round.

ASSESSMENT AND INTERVIEW STAGE

Successful applicants will receive a date and time for an Assessment Day

Student attends Panel Interview

Confirmation of outcome will be communicated in writing from the College Principal.

SCHOLARSHIP RULES

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- 1** Scholarships are awarded for one academic year as follows;
 - Year 7 | 50% of the tuition component of school fees
 - Years 10, 11 & 12 | 100% of the tuition component of school fees
 - 2** A \$100 application fee for administration and assessment is charged per academic year. This fee covers one or multiple applications within that year.
 - 3** All scholarship applications for the 2027 academic year close on 26 June 2026. This may be extended at the discretion of the Principal.
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EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC CHARACTER

OPEN TO:

- Current and prospective students in the greater Cairns region.

COST:

- \$100 one-off application fee for 2027 (covers multiple applications within an academic year).

ASSESSMENT PROCESS:

- A written theological response, reference from parish priest and interview with Leader of Faith, Formation & Spirituality.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

- Undertaken the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation, and First Eucharist.
- Regular involvement with Parish and Diocesan masses or similar events.
- Can articulate various elements of their faith with conviction and confidence.

EVIDENCE REQUIRED:

- Written cover letter addressing assessment criteria.
- Reference from Parish Priest.

CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP:

- Maintain a Grade Point Average of at least 8 on a 15-point scale (this is a C average) for the duration of the scholarship.
- Significant involvement in leading liturgy and worship at a College, Parish and Diocesan level.
- High involvement in community initiatives at the college e.g. Caritas fundraising, Rosie's food drives, St. Vinnies appeal or similar Christian outreach demonstrating servant leadership.
- Meet with Leader of Faith, Formation and Spirituality, each semester, for goal setting and submit these goals to the College Principal.
- Maintain an attendance rate of over 90% for the duration of the scholarship.





“We may not speak of [Jesus] as we speak of any individual man, acting from and governed by a human intelligence within Him, but He was God, acting not only as God, but now through the flesh also, when He would.”

**- St John Henry Newman
Parochial and Plain Sermons
Volume 6**

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

OPEN TO:

- Current and prospective students in the greater Cairns region.

COST:

- \$100 one-off application fee for 2027 (covers multiple applications within an academic year).

ASSESSMENT PROCESS:

- Numeracy exam/ written response (under exam conditions).
- Interview with the Deputy Principal.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

- Achieve a 99th percentile ranking nationally in either the numeracy or written response exam.

EVIDENCE REQUIRED:

- Official School Student Academic Report Cards from the last two semesters.
- Latest NAPLAN results.
- ICAS results and/or any other supporting evidence.

CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP:

- Maintain a Grade Point Average of at least 13 on a 15-point scale (this is an A- average for all subjects) for the duration of the scholarship.
- Participate in at least one extracurricular activity offered at NCC.
- Meet with the Deputy Principal for goal setting at least once per semester and submit these goals to the College Principal.
- Maintain an attendance rate of over 90% for the duration of the scholarship.





“Education is a high word; it is the preparation for knowledge, and it is the imparting of knowledge in proportion to that preparation.”

**- St John Henry Newman
*The Idea of a University
Discourse VI***

EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS

OPEN TO:

- Current and prospective students in the greater Cairns region.

COST:

- \$100 one-off application fee for 2027 (covers multiple applications within an academic year).

ASSESSMENT PROCESS:

- An assessment of artistic abilities in either music, dance, drama or visual arts plus assessments of prior performances, exam results (e.g. AMEB levels) or competition results.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

- **DANCE:** performance in 2 contrasting styles assessed as being equivalent to ATOD Level 6 (Years 7 & 8), Level 7 (Years 9 & 10) or Level 8 (Years 11 & 12) for the selected dance style as deemed by a specialist dance teacher selected by the Leader of The Arts. Royal Academy of Dance levels may be used in place of the ATOD for ballet.
- **DRAMA:** performance of 2 prepared monologues (provided by the College and memorised) and assessed as at least a level 4 on an adapted Cambridge IGCSE Drama rubric by a specialist drama teacher selected by the Leader of The Arts.
- **VISUAL/MEDIA:** submission of a portfolio of works (including written evaluations of each piece) assessed over 80% on an adapted Cambridge IGCSE Arts and Design rubric by a specialist visual/media arts teacher selected by the Leader of The Arts.
- **MUSIC:** Demonstrable outstanding performance in both their entrance examination and chosen instrument. Applicants must perform two contrasting pieces performed at the known AMEB standard (with or without accompaniment) on their chosen instrument. This will be assessed by the Leader of The Arts and a specialist music teacher. Recipients are expected to fully engage in Newman Catholic College's Arts program throughout their scholarship years, including active involvement in elective music courses, liturgical, individual and ensemble performances. Applicants must provide their most recent examination reports from AMEB or an equivalent body.

EVIDENCE REQUIRED:

- Last two years of assessment results relevant to the selected area of Excellence.

CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP:

- Maintain a Grade Point Average of at least 8 on a 15-point scale (this is a C average) for the duration of the scholarship.
- Represent the College in all relevant events/competitions as appropriate, including liturgical celebrations, eisteddfod and musicals.
- Maintain a grade of an A- in the art of choice, each assessable period.
- Meet with the Leader of The Arts for goal setting at least once per semester and submit these goals to the College Principal.
- Maintain an attendance rate of over 90% for the duration of the scholarship.



“I only fear that I may give time to it more than I ought to spare. I could find solace in music from week to week’s end.”

**- St John Henry Newman
*Letters and Diaries of
John Henry Newman 1865***

EXCELLENCE IN STEM

OPEN TO:

- Current and prospective students in the greater Cairns region.

COST:

- \$100 one-off application fee for 2027 (covers multiple applications within an academic year).

ASSESSMENT PROCESS:

- An assessment of overall numeracy, resilience in tackling complex problems, independent technical learning ability, and an interview with the Leader of Technologies, Leader of Science and Leader of Mathematics.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

- In the 90th percentile nationally for mathematics.
- Score in a school administered IQ test above 135.
- Undertake a STEM challenge independently in an unfamiliar context.

EVIDENCE REQUIRED:

- Official School Student Academic Report Cards from the last two semesters.
- Latest NAPLAN results.
- ICAS results and/or any other supporting evidence.

CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP:

- Maintain a Grade Point Average of at least 11 on a 15-point scale (this is a B average) for the duration of the scholarship.
- Represent the College in all relevant events/competitions as appropriate as deemed by the Leader of Technologies and the Leader of Science.
- Maintain a grade of at least an A- in the STEM Excellence program.
- Meet with the Leader of Technologies, Leader of Science and Leader of Mathematics for goal setting, at least once per semester and submit these goals to the College Principal.
- Maintain an attendance rate of over 90% for the duration of the scholarship.





“It is the education which gives a man a clear conscious view of his own opinions and judgments, a truth in developing them, an eloquence in expressing them and a force in urging them.”

**- St John Henry Newman
*The Idea of a University***

EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

OPEN TO:

- Current and prospective students in the greater Cairns region.

COST:

- \$100 one-off application fee for 2027 (covers multiple applications within an academic year).

ASSESSMENT PROCESS:

- A public speech or a public debate with another candidate delivered to a live audience, a written persuasive piece on a provided topic and an interview with the College Principal.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

- Prior experience with either school student leadership or leadership within the local community (e.g. previous school captain or involvement with Young Mayors Programs).
- Public speech delivered to a live audience of school captain calibre or exemplary performance in a public debate.
- Written persuasive piece suitable for newspaper publication.

EVIDENCE REQUIRED:

- Written cover letter to the College Principal addressing assessment criteria.

CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP:

- Maintain a Grade Point Average of at least 11 on a 15-point scale (this is a B average) for the duration of the scholarship.
- Apply for Student Representative Council in accordance with normal school processes.
- Participate in at least one of the extracurricular programs on offer at NCC.
- Meet with the Principal, for goal setting, at least once per semester.
- Write an item for the College Newsletter at least once per term.
- Maintain an attendance rate of over 90% for the duration of the scholarship.





***“Lead, kindly Light, amid the
encircling gloom; Lead thou me
on! The night is dark, and I am far
from home; Lead thou me on! Keep
thou my feet: I do not ask to see the
distant scene; one step enough for
me.”***

**- St John Henry Newman
The Pillar of the Cloud
1833**

SPORTS EXCELLENCE

OPEN TO:

- Current and prospective students in the greater Cairns region.

COST:

- \$100 one-off application fee for 2027 (covers multiple applications within an academic year).

ASSESSMENT PROCESS:

- Applicant must nominate their one selected sport.
- Applicant has represented their State at National level or individually competed at National level in their selected sport.
- Applicant is required to write a written submission outlining their relevant sporting achievements to Leader of HPE, Sport and Outdoor Education.
- Applicant is required to obtain references from coaches, managers and/or officials working in their selected sport.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

- Applicant can demonstrate ongoing, consistent, high level of performance through Sporting Clubs and/or School sporting pathways.
- Applicant is required to create a multimodal presentation about their sporting achievements to present to the College Leadership (Principal, Leader of HPE, Sport and Outdoor Education).

EVIDENCE REQUIRED:

- Applicant must provide written documentation demonstrating the last three years of sporting achievements in their selected sport.

CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP:

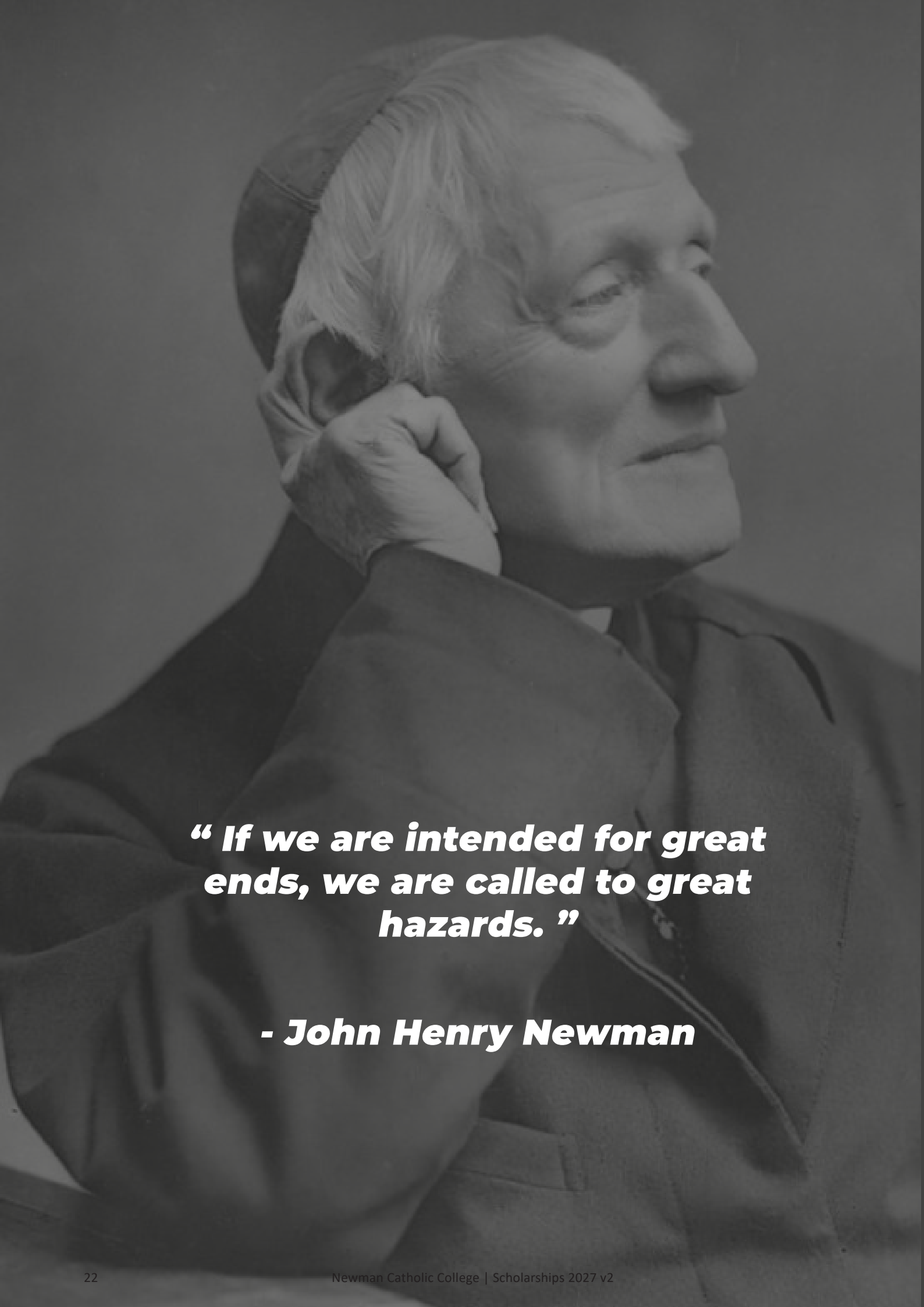
- Maintain a Grade Point Average of at least 8 on a 15-point scale (This is a C average) for the duration of the scholarship.
- Represent the College in their selected sport when required.
- Maintain at least an A grade in HPE and/or Sports Excellence.
- Meet with the Leader of HPE, Sport and Outdoor Education for goal setting, at least once per semester and submit these goals to the College Principal.
- Maintain an attendance rate of 90% for the duration of the scholarship.





“A man would do nothing if he waited until he could do it so well that no one could find fault.”

- St John Henry Newman



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Checklist

- Complete [Scholarships Expression of Interest form](#)
- Complete a [Scholarship Application Form](#)
- Make payment via [Payment booking Link](#)
- Submit all required supporting documentation to e: ncc.scholarships@cns.catholic.edu.au

NEXT STEPS : You will receive email notification of your application outcome. If successful, you will receive details for an Assessment Day.



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