



Wollondilly Anglican College

Scholarships Information Pack 2024/2025



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1. Rationale

Wollondilly Anglican College recognises that all people are made in God's image and have the capacity for curiosity, critical thinking and creativity. As image bearers, all students have been blessed with gifts and talents and the College is committed to the provision of strong academic and pastoral care foundations necessary to encourage students with academic and creative gifts to excel. The awarding of scholarships is intended to provide families with financial support to further a student's education and reward achievement and effort.

The College has developed a reputation for five academic and pastoral distinctives:

- Education within a Christian framework
- The pursuit of excellence, particularly academic excellence
- The encouragement of Pride in Belonging
- The development of Community
- Quality Pastoral Care (a "second" education)

Through their discipline, scholarship recipients are expected to be committed to the pursuit of excellence, including academic excellence. Likewise, scholarship holders will value and seek to enhance the sense of community in the College and foster the ideal of pride in belonging through their gifts and talents.



2. Scholarship Categories

The College Headmaster may award a number of scholarships offering partial fee remission for each year. Most scholarships will be awarded for two years and are conditional on the continuation of the relevant criteria being met. They will be available to students currently enrolled at the College or at other schools. Students who are studying in Years 6, 8 and 10 may apply for a scholarship as they enter their next stage of learning.

Stage 4 Scholarship for Years 7 and 8

Stage 5 Scholarship for Years 9 and 10

Stage 6 Scholarship for Years 11 and 12

Scholarships may be awarded in the following areas:

2.1 *Academic*

For students who have displayed consistently high levels of academic achievement and effort including results in external testing.

2.2 *Music*

For passionate students of Music, who have been learning an instrument from a qualified music teacher and who have been studying for music examinations. Scholarships are awarded on merit.

2.3 *Dance*

For passionate students of Dance who attend regular dance and technique classes with a qualified teacher. Recipients will be skilled in a variety of dance styles including classical styles.

Note: It may not be possible for students to study all Dance styles at the College as some require specialist facilities. Please contact the Performance Coordinator or Teaching and Learning Coordinator of Creative Arts for further information.

3. Duration of Scholarships

In most instances scholarships will be awarded for a two year term. The scholarship will run for the duration of the stage on the provision the student maintains the conditions for the scholarship. Scholarships will be reviewed annually and any recipient with an unsatisfactory review against the criteria, may have their scholarship withdrawn. Parents will receive notification.



4. Criteria for the Awarding of Scholarships

All scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Headmaster. Scholarships are awarded on merit and the number of scholarships awarded in each category may vary from year to year.

Students may apply for scholarships in multiple categories.

Consideration will be given to the following selection criteria in the awarding of scholarships.

4.1 Academic

- High achievement in the ACER scholarship test
- The last two College/School reports
- Meeting the conditions for maintaining a scholarship (see next section)
- The student's academic portfolio including achievements, awards, certificates, results of competitions such as ICAS testing.
- Evidence of contribution to College/School life
- Two character references that highlight personal qualities and attributes that would contribute to the ethos of the College

4.2 Music

- Applicants should have demonstrated a level of musical proficiency through either/both external examinations (including AMEB, Trinity or internal College music results)
- Demonstrated proficiency in the requirements of the audition process
- The student's music portfolio which may include, achievements, awards, certificates
- Evidence of contribution to College/School life
- Meeting the conditions for maintaining a scholarship (see next section)
- Two character references that highlight personal qualities and attributes that would contribute to the ethos of their current College/School



4.3 *Dance*

- Attending regular dance and technique classes with a qualified teacher
- Actively involved in competitive/showcase opportunities for dance
- Skilled in a variety of dance styles including classical styles
- Demonstrate proficiency in the audition process
- Meeting the conditions for maintaining a scholarship (see next section)
- Two character references that highlight personal qualities and attributes that would contribute to the ethos of the College
- The student's dance portfolio which may include, achievements, awards, certificates
- Evidence of contribution to College/School life

5. **Conditions for Maintaining Scholarships**

Recipients will be expected to maintain the following conditions. If a student is a successful recipient in multiple categories, they will be expected to maintain the requirements for each category.

5.1 *Academic*

- Maintenance of high academic grades (Achievement Grade at, or above a B level for the key learning areas of Mathematics, English, Science and HSIE)
- Contribution to a range of academic extra-curricular activities such as peer tutoring, Tournament of Minds, debating, streamwatch, Davinci Decathlon
- Maintain exemplary behaviour and attitude
- Evidence of contribution to College life

Note: Students in Stage 6 Preliminary courses are expected to maintain a minimum B average Achievement Grade across their 12 units of study. HSC students should be ranked on average in the top 25% of their cohort in their respective subjects.



5.2 Music

- Maintenance of good academic effort across all subjects
- Continue lessons and examinations in music with the communication of achievements to the Creative Arts Coordinator and the Performance Coordinator (T-12)
- Maintain exemplary behaviour and attitude
- Evidence of contribution to College life
- Contribution to the culture of Creative Arts Performance in the College specifically, students are required to commit to activities totalling a **minimum of 10 points** from the list below:
 - College musical (4 points)
 - College Band or instrumental ensemble (in the instrument for which the scholarship was awarded) (5 points)
 - Recital and/or performances at assemblies/College events (1 point)
 - Stage 5 and 6 recipients studying elective music (5 points)
 - Other activities as negotiated with the Performance Coordinator (T-12)

Note: Students in Year 12 expected to maintain their involvement in Music activities, however their scholarship is not bound by accruing points.

5.3 Dance

- Maintenance of good overall academic effort across all subjects
- Continue lessons, examinations and/or competitions in Dance. Communicate the achievements to the Coordinator of Creative Arts and the Coordinator of Performance (T-12)
- Maintain exemplary behaviour and attitude
- Evidence of contribution to College life
- Contribution to the culture of Creative Arts Performance in the College specifically, students are required to commit to activities totalling a **minimum of 10 points** from the list below:
 - College musical (4 points)
 - College Dance Company or Middle Cheer (5 points)
 - Recital and/or performances at assemblies/College events (1 point)
 - Stage 5 and 6 recipients studying elective Dance (5 points)
 - Other activities as negotiated with the Performance Coordinator (T-12)

Note: Students in Year 12 expected to maintain their involvement in Dance activities, however their scholarship is not bound by accruing points.



6. Application Process for Scholarships

Notice of scholarships will be advertised on an annual basis by the Development Manager through various publications including the local paper, Waratah Weekly and the College website.

- For **all students not enrolled** at Wollondilly Anglican College, an application for enrolment and a \$50 application fee will be required.

Academic Scholarships –

- Complete the scholarship application form (downloadable from the College website) and return it to the Enrolments Officer, Mrs Kristy Biddle with the supporting portfolio (as listed in section 4).
- Complete the online application with ACER at <https://scholarships.acer.edu.au>. (Parents will need to create a Parent Account, from which they can register their child for the scholarship test at Wollondilly Anglican College. A \$110 application fee is also payable to ACER as part of the registration process)
- For Academic candidates, scholarship testing will take place at the College on Saturday, 25 February 2023. Students are expected to attend on this date.

Music and Dance Scholarships -

- Parents should complete the scholarship application form and return it to the Enrolments Officer, Mrs Kristy Biddle with the supporting portfolio (as listed in section 4).
- Music/Dance scholarships need to be accompanied by a scholarship application processing fee of \$110.
- Short listed students will be required to audition before a panel. There will not be an additional audition fee.
- For all scholarship applications, parents receive notification of the outcome

7. Disclaimer

All scholarships are granted or withdrawn at the discretion of the Headmaster.

