Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools

Year 9 Academic Excellence Scholarship Policy

Sacred Heart
Girls' College

Mission Statement

Sacred Heart Girls' College is a Catholic secondary school inspired by the charism of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions (RNDM).

We nurture an inclusive and diverse culture, fostering life-long learning and a commitment to social justice.

The College provides a dynamic environment that educates young people to be compassionate, discerning, resilient, and true to our motto, Always Striving Upwards.

Rationale

Academic Excellence Scholarships recognise and celebrate students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, a commitment to learning, and a dedication to personal growth. As a collaborative, creative, reflective, and innovative learning community, Sacred Heart Girls' College values academic excellence as an expression of effort, perseverance, and the pursuit of personal best. Through this scholarship, the College affirms its commitment to fostering a culture of excellence and continuous improvement, encouraging students to develop their gifts, embrace challenges with resilience, contribute positively to the life of the College and the wider community, and remain true to our motto, Always Striving Upwards.

Scope

Sacred Heart Girls' College will award scholarships

- as a way of affording opportunities to support the enrolment of students who will benefit from and contribute to, community and Catholic education at Sacred Heart Girls' College.
- to students who demonstrate evidence and capacity for excellence in their learning and based on a range of criteria, which consider the merit and need of students.
- to students in a manner that is consistent with the enrolment process and policy.
- as a reduction of annual tuition fees for students to the value of between 50% – 75% of the annual tuition fee

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Year 9 Academic Scholarship, applicants must be:

- an Australian citizen, permanent or temporary resident (Full Fee Paying Overseas Students are not eligible to enrol)
- be a current Year 8 student.

Year 9 Academic Scholarships

Year 9 Academic Scholarships:

- are awarded to students in Year 9, based on
    - Academic Assessment Services (AAS) testing results,

    - NAPLAN results and/or
    - Consistently high achievement on internal school based assessments
    - exemplary work habits
    - excellent attendance record
- will cover tuition fees only until the end of Year 12, subject to satisfactory academic progress of the student and engagement in College life.

Conditions

All applicants for Academic Excellence Scholarships must understand and consent to the following Terms and Conditions:

- Full completion of the Application and Selection process, including Academic Assessments, payment of Testing Fees and interview.
- Provide in their written application evidence of their suitability for a Scholarship under the areas of academic excellence and endeavour.
- The scholarship amount will be deducted from the award recipient's fee account each one-year subject to the student's ongoing satisfactory academic performance
- Provide a guarantee that the applicant will remain at Sacred Heart Girls' College for the duration of the Scholarship.
- That confidentiality regarding the value of the scholarship between the recipient's family and the College must be maintained. Any breach of this confidentiality by the family may result in the Scholarship being rescinded.

Awarding of Scholarship

Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Principal, until the end of Year 12

- Scholarships will not cover costs such as overseas trips, laptops, books and co-curricular activities unless specified which are currently included in the annual tuition fee structure.
- Students awarded Scholarships will be bound by the same rights and responsibilities as all students enrolled at Sacred Heart Girls' College.
- A review of all Scholarship recipients will be conducted annually by the Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching.

Scholarship Withdrawal

The College reserves the right to review the terms of the scholarships or otherwise discontinue the scholarship in circumstances where the terms and conditions of the scholarship have not been or are not being met, including:

- the Principal is not satisfied with the ongoing performance of the scholarship holder
- there is a failure to pay College Fees & Charges
- considerable College non-attendance
- breaches of the Terms and Conditions of Enrolment or other College policies.

Sacred Heart Girls' College requires that if a student withdraws from the College prior to the completion of Year 12, the family will refund the value of the Scholarship provided for that school year.

Policy information

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