

MATER DEI CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The purpose of this letter is to provide information about the application processes for our College scholarships and bursaries.

Scholarships and Bursaries for Year 7/2019

Details of the scholarships and bursaries and the respective application processes will be published in the next College newsletter. This letter is to ensure that information reaches parents/carers of all students who have been accepted in Year 7 2019.

Scholarships

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga are committed to valuing effort, achievement and excellence in learning. The provision of academic scholarships is one way of making explicit this value placed on the pursuit of excellence. Families are invited to apply for the following scholarships, which will be offered in 2018 for Year 7 students commencing at Mater Dei in 2019.

(i) Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholarship will be awarded to two Year 7 students in 2018 on the basis of academic merit. These scholarships have tenure of four years. The two scholarships are for the remission of 50% of the tuition fees for each year of the scholarship. It is expected that scholarship holders will demonstrate a high level of commitment to their studies and be positively involved within the College.

Year 7 Academic Scholarship Application Process

- The application form is included below, this can be completed and posted to the College. Please contact Cindee Mallise at the College if you would like this information posted to you. There is a \$75.00 non-refundable scholarship application fee (one scholarship fee applies per child);

Applications for the Year 7 Academic Scholarships close on Wednesday 15 August 2018 and must reach the College by close of business on that date. The Scholarship Examination will be held at the College on Friday 7 September 2018. It is not possible for students to undertake the examinations on any other day or at any venue other than the College.

The scholarship tests are external, conducted by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER).

(ii) Music Scholarships

- In 2018, Music Scholarships are offered to two Year 7/2019 students which will apply for four years for Year 7 to Year 10.

The scholarship will consist of 50% of tuition fees for the school year, the College's membership fee and instrument hire (if required). The scholarship will apply for four years and will be reviewed each year according to a recipient's aptitude for improvement as well as their application to their music group(s).

Selection Criteria

Students will be shortlisted subject to:

- their high achievement and application as indicated by school reports,
- potential for making a positive contribution toward the Performance Music Program at the College with evidence of being a proficient performer on an orchestral instrument.

The recipient of a Music Scholarship will be expected to study elective music in Year 9 and 10 and become a member of music performance groups as deemed appropriate.

Music Scholarship Application Process

The application form is included below, this can be completed and posted to the College. Please contact Mrs Cindee Mallise at the College if you would like this information posted to you.

Applications for the Music Scholarships must be received at the College by close on Wednesday 15 August 2018. As well as the completed application form, the following must be provided:

- The \$20.00 non-refundable scholarship application fee (one scholarship fee applies per child);
- A reference from a Music teacher;
- Proof of musicianship skills eg. AMEB Examination Results;
- Copies of the last two school reports.

The Principal and Coordinator of Performance Music will shortlist applicants with a view to holding interviews and auditions in October, 2018. Notification of both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be made in writing during Term 4.

A. Bursaries

Edmund Rice and Nano Nagle were founders of our parent schools; St Michaels, Mt Erin and Trinity Senior High School. Both Edmund Rice and Nano Nagle wanted their schools to be accessible by all who seek a Catholic education and in keeping with our heritage financial assistance from the Bursary Fund will be provided to students and families who, in the opinion of the Principal and Leadership Team, will be significant contributors to the College community. The focus will be on generous endeavour in a variety of fields, rather than any notable academic or co-curricular talent. In brief, the two-way street of mutual benefit must be obvious – the student and the College are good for one another.

Bursary Fund Criteria

It is important that applications for Bursary assistance are made at the same time as applications for enrolment in the College. Financial assistance is available only to students from Year 7 onwards and only when the funds will allow it. The commitment from the College is to sustain the Bursary for the duration of a child's secondary education. Financial assistance from the Bursary Fund is given on an individual student basis. In the interests of sharing this assistance among as many families as possible, the presumption should be that a family is likely to receive only one Bursary.

In the interest of accountability, a family must re-apply annually for Bursary assistance, in accordance with the time lines specified, and re-submit the most current financial documentation so that their eligibility for a Bursary can be reviewed. The obligation of strict confidentiality is incumbent on both the recipient family and the College Executive overseeing management of the Bursary Fund.

The College grants a Bursary to a student on the understanding that it is a debt of honour. In other words, it is expected that the recipient will do all in his power to repay that debt sometime in the future and give another young person the chance to have a Bursary place at Mater Dei Catholic College.

Bursary Application Process

The provision of complete supporting financial documentation is necessary before any application, or renewal of Bursary, can be processed. This will include:

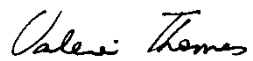
- Copies of the past two year's tax returns;
- A Statutory Declaration from the applicant's parents attesting to their financial position(s).

If you are interested in applying for a Bursary for 2019 please forward the above financial documents with a letter addressed to the Principal requesting consideration. Within your letter please provide the reasons why you have sought a place at the College for your child and outline how you believe that your child's qualities and gifts will contribute to the College.

Any questions about Scholarships and Bursaries for Year 7 in 2019 may be directed to the Personal Assistant to the Principal, Mrs Cindee Mallise, at the College.

Best wishes for the remainder of the year with your child. We look forward to welcoming you back to Mater Dei. The College will contact you later in the year regarding details of the Year 7 2018 Parent Information Evening in Term 4.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Val Thomas".

Mrs Val Thomas
Principal



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MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

SECTION 1 STUDENT DETAILS

STUDENT	
Surname:	Christian Name:
Date of Birth:	Religion:
Current School:	Current Year Level:

SECTION 2 FAMILY DETAILS

PARENT/CARER	
Surname:	Christian Name:
Address:	Phone: (home)
	Phone: (work)

SECTION 3 MUSIC EXPERIENCE

INSTRUMENT/S	
Instrument 1:	Instrument 2:
Years Learning:	Years Learning:

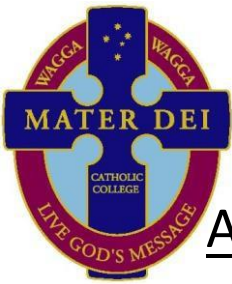
PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE:

PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE:

SUBMISSION OF MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Complete and forward the Mater Dei Catholic College Music Scholarship, along with a covering letter to the Principal by **Wednesday 15 August 2018**. You will also need to include:

- The \$20.00 non refundable Scholarship application fee (one scholarship fee applies per child);
- A letter of reference from music teacher;
- Proof of musicianship skills eg. AMEB Examination Results;
- Copies of the last two school reports.



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ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please refer to the information for each Scholarship before completing this form.

Applications close Wednesday 15 August 2018

SECTION 1 STUDENT DETAILS

STUDENT	
Surname:	Christian Name:
Date of Birth:	Religion:
Current School:	Current Year Level:

SECTION 2 FAMILY DETAILS

PARENT/CARER	
Surname:	Christian Name:
Address:	Phone: (home)
	Phone: (work)

SECTION 3 DETAILS OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please place a tick alongside the scholarship/s for which you are applying. An application fee of \$75.00 applies for each applicant.

- Year 7 Academic Scholarship
- Year 11 Academic Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please describe how you would benefit from gaining a scholarship at Mater Dei Catholic College. (Student to complete)

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Please describe how you will be able to make a contribution to Mater Dei Catholic College. (Student to complete)

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SUBMISSION OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please return this form to the Principal, Mater Dei Catholic College including;

- ✓ \$75.00 non refundable scholarship application fee
- ✓ Copies of your two latest school reports
- ✓ A character reference

Examinations will take place Friday 7 September 2018