



MATER DEI CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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YEAR 11 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

The purpose of this letter is to provide information about the application processes for the Year 11/2022 scholarships.

Scholarships and Bursaries for Year 11 2022

Details of the scholarships for 2022 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 will be completing their final two years at Mater Dei.

Scholarships

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga are committed to valuing effort, achievement and excellence in learning. Families are invited to apply for the following Academic and Kerrie Matthews Scholarships, which will be offered in 2021 for students commencing Year 11 at Mater Dei in 2022.

Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholarship will be awarded to two Year 11 students on the basis of academic merit. These scholarships have tenure of two 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 11 Academic Scholarship Application Process

- The application form is included below, this can be completed and posted to the College. There is a \$75.00 non-refundable scholarship application fee (one scholarship fee applies per child).

Applications for Year 11 Academic Scholarships close on Wednesday 11 August 2021 and must reach the College by close of business on that date. The Scholarship Examination will be held at the College on Friday 3 September 2021. The College will notify you with details closer to the date.

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).

The Kerrie Matthews Scholarship for Year 11 2022

Due to the generosity of the Matthews family, the College will offer the Kerrie Matthews Scholarship.

The Kerrie Matthews Scholarship will be offered annually to one student and covers 50% of tuition fees for their final two years of schooling. It is expected that the scholarship holder will demonstrate a high level of commitment to their studies and be positively involved in College life.

The criteria for selection will be based on the following:

- Application to Learning
- Contribution to School Life
- Evidence of the ways that the scholarship will support the applicants continued education

The application form for the Kerrie Matthews Scholarship can be found below.

The Kerrie Matthews Application Form is to be forwarded to the Principal by:
Wednesday 11 August 2021

For more information and an application form please contact the College on 02 69238300

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Val Thomas
Principal

Mater Dei Catholic College

Kerrie Matthews Scholarship – Kerrie’s Story

All applicants are to read the following information before completing the Application Form.

Kerrie Matthews was born in Sydney on the 12th of September 1948, the second daughter of four children to Robert and Shirley Addison. Her upbringing during her primary school years was spent at Ungarie, and this involved much time walking and riding miles to school. Half way through Kerrie’s first year of high school the family moved to Temora and Kerrie’s schooling was completed at Temora high school.

Kerrie’s first job was with Macauleys General Store in Temora, but very soon after starting this job, she applied for a position with B H Kahlefeldt and Co., Chartered Accountants in Temora. The position Kerrie applied for had already been filled but Kerrie cheekily said to Brian Kahlefeldt, “You should interview me now anyway, as other positions may become available”. Kerrie made such an impression on Brian that he offered her a job right there and then, starting the following Monday as his personal assistant. This was role which Kerrie cherished and for the next 40 years Kerrie grew with the Kahlefeldt Businesses, eventually becoming executive director of Kahlefeldt Securities. In forty years working with Brian Kahlefeldt it is said Kerrie never once had a sick day. As an employee, Kerrie was found to be extremely dependable and very capable. Although lacking the tertiary education of so many today, Kerrie ensured she maintained a positive attitude to work and treated everyone with dignity and respect. These attributes saw her become a very successful businesswoman who was respected by both business associates and friends alike.

Not only was Kerrie a success in the workplace, more importantly, she was a champion family person. In summary, 1969 was a big year for Kerrie, Kerrie celebrated her 21st birthday and also married Barry. In 1973 and again in 1976, Kerrie gave birth to two boys, Rod and Shane Matthews.

Over the years as wife, mother, aunty and grandmother, Kerrie ensured her time with family was both quantity and quality. Kerrie was very family oriented and was the main instigator in family get togethers to ensure that immediate and extended family always kept in touch. Kerrie was extremely close to her nieces and nephews and doted on her one and only grandson, Oscar. Kerrie now has an additional two grandchildren: Ava and Billy.

In 2002 Kerrie Matthews was diagnosed with bone and lymphoma cancer. In true Kerrie style, she attacked her illness with determination, courage, and an unbelievable will to succeed. This saw Kerrie fight the disease, and win for five years, although when first diagnosed, she was only given six months to live. Ultimately the curse of cancer caught up with Kerrie and she lost her battle in June 2007.

Kerrie’s strength was evident not only in her final years, but right throughout her life. May the example of Kerrie Matthews serve as an example to students at Mater Dei Catholic College, most notably, those who are the beneficiaries of the scholarship named in her honour.



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Kerrie Matthews 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)
Email:	Phone: (work)

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

- The Application Form
- Copies of your two latest school reports



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ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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

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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)
Email:	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

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- ✓ Copies of your two latest school reports

Examinations will take place Friday 3 September 2021