

Mater Dei Catholic College

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YEAR 7 2023 - SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

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 7/2023

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 2023.

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 2022 for Year 7 students commencing at Mater Dei in 2023.

(i) Academic Scholarships

The Academic Scholarship will be awarded to two Year 7 students on the basis of academic merit. These scholarships have a 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 handed in at the College. Please contact Cindee Mallise at the College if you would like this information emailed to you. There is a \$100.00 non-refundable scholarship application fee (one scholarship fee applies per child);

Applications for the Year 7 Academic Scholarships close on Wednesday 10 August 2022 and must reach the College by close of business on that date. The Scholarship Examination will be held at the College on Friday 2 September 2022. 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 (Excludes Piano and Vocals)

The Music Scholarship is offered to one Year 7/2023 student which will apply for two years for Year 7 and 8.

The scholarship will consist of 50% of tuition fees for the school year, the College's membership fee and instrument hire (if required).

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.

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 10 August 2022. 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, 2021. Notification of both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be made in writing during Term 4.

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 timelines 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:

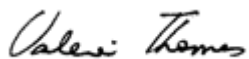
- Copies of the past two year's tax returns;
- A Statutory Declaration from the applicant's parents attesting to their financial position(s).

If you are interested in applying for a Bursary for 2023 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 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 Parent Information Evening in Term 4.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Val Thomas
Principal

