

# Process for applying for Year 7 academic scholarship

We welcome your application for a Year 7 academic scholarship at St Andrew's Cathedral School.

#### Overview

Year 7 academic scholarship applications are open for new and current students entering Year 7. Applicants must sit the ACER Cooperative Schools Scholarship Test in Term 1 the year prior to commencement. Shortlisted students will be invited for an interview by a panel that generally includes Middle School Executive staff, a member of our Gifted Education team and the Registrar.

# Type of scholarships available

- Scholarships provide a discount to Tuition Fees only.
- Other fees, such as the Enrolment Fee, uniforms, compulsory and optional outdoor education camps, Resource Levy and music tuition are full price.
- Scholarships and discounts vary from 20% to 75% and occasionally 100% discount and are awarded at the discretion of the School.

#### Scholarship application requirements

# All applicants for Year 7 academic scholarship must sit the ACER Cooperative Schools scholarship test.

- 1. Candidates must first register for the ACER test and submit payment directly via the <u>ACER</u> <u>website</u>.
- 2. Following ACER registration and payment, candidates are required to apply via the Year 7 Scholarship Application Form on the St Andrew's Cathedral School website to provide some, or all, of the following support documentation:
  - a short statement of introduction written by the applicant (student), (maximum 150 words)
  - copy of the last two school reports
  - copies of NAPLAN reports where applicable
  - ICAS results where applicable
  - full reports of any ability assessments e.g. WISC, WIAT, AGAT, WPPSI, if applicablea list of individual accreditations achievements where applicable (photocopies of certificates). Please submit these in one PDF document.

# Selection criteria

- A completed Year 7 academic scholarship application
- Payment of the \$145 Scholarship Application Fee
- scholarship test results
- demonstrated academic achievement and potential
- high-level of engagement with all curriculum and co-curricular activities
- commitment to St Andrew's Cathedral School values
- a commitment to leadership within the school environment.

#### Process

- Applicants for all academic scholarships are required to undertake an ACER scholarship examination in Term 1 the year prior to commencement.
- The examination will be held on-site at St Andrew's Cathedral School, Sydney Square.
- Academic scholarships are awarded on consideration of both the ACER examination, scholarship application and interview.
- Following the scholarship test each application is reviewed, considering individual test results together with submitted supporting documentation.
- Shortlisted candidates will be notified and invited to proceed to interview.
- Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by email once the process is completed.
- Successful applicants will be notified of their scholarship offer and the terms and conditions in writing. If applicants choose to accept the scholarship, they must do so via an online acceptance form within ten days.
- Following acceptance of a scholarship offer, applicants will then proceed through the student enrolment process, including submitting a formal Application for Enrolment Form, accepting an Offer of Enrolment and payment of the \$3,000 Enrolment Fee (non-refundable).

Please note: It is the prerogative of the School to make the selection in the context of best fit for the cohort.

#### The interview format

If students are shortlisted, they will be contacted to book in a scholarship interview with an interview panel consisting of the Registrar, Head of Middle School and Head of Gifted Education (Secondary). The interview is conducted in person, on site at St Andrew's Cathedral School. Applicants attend the interview with their parents.

The interview process will consist of a selection of questions asked by the interview panel.

### Expectations of scholars

The scholarship will be reviewed annually based on the following criteria:

- consistent achievement across a range of subjects, particularly core subjects
- satisfactory participation in school activities including music, sport, outdoor education
- continual demonstration of academic leadership through class work and study habits.

#### How to apply

- Apply online via the scholarship application form on the School's website.
- Please carefully check the application cut-off date and pay the Scholarship Application Fee on the St Andrew's Cathedral School website: <u>sacs.nsw.edu.au/join-us/scholarships/music-scholarships/</u>

#### Contact

If you have any questions regarding the Year 7 academic scholarship process, please contact:

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