



**ST ANDREW'S**  
CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

## Process for applying for music scholarship

Thank you for your enquiry regarding music scholarships at St Andrew's Cathedral School.

### Overview

In 1885 the School was established to provide an education to the choristers for St Andrew's Cathedral. Today, the tradition of Cathedral choristers continues and the School's commitment to music has dramatically expanded. The School is now widely recognised as a center of excellence in music education worldwide.

St Andrew's Cathedral School is offering highly sought-after scholarships through a competitive application and audition process. The scholarships recognise potential and provide the opportunity for students to develop their musical gifts and talents.

At the heart of the School's music scholarships programme is a team of 10 full-time music teachers and over 45 music tutors. These professional educators all have outstanding qualifications to PhD level as both performers and teachers, offering world-class music pedagogy in the classroom, in ensembles, and in individual music tuition, from beginner through to AMEB LMusA and beyond.

A music scholarship provides aspiring musicians with the opportunity to work with highly qualified teachers and in addition to continuing in their individual music tuition, scholars are provided a wealth of ensemble activities, world-class performance opportunities and access to the Andrean family of artists and mentors. These life-changing opportunities reinforce a love of music and motivate scholars to pursue musical excellence through a refined talent development programme.

Thanks to the generosity of the St Andrew's Cathedral School Council, scholarships are open to all instruments including singing (classical or contemporary), woodwind, piano (classical or jazz), brass, strings (including harp), percussion (drum kit and orchestral percussion) and composition. Students and non-students at St Andrew's Cathedral School are encouraged to apply for this highly sought after opportunity.

### Type of scholarships available

- Music scholarships are available to students entering Years 4, 5 and/or 6 and Years 7 to 11.
- Reduction on academic Tuition Fees to St Andrew's Cathedral School, generally 25% to 100%.
- Fees, such as the Enrolment Fee, uniforms, compulsory and optional outdoor education camps, Resource Levy and music tuition are full price.

### Scholarship application requirements

Candidates must complete the online application for music scholarship on the School's website. Candidates will also be required to upload some, or all, of the following support documentation:

- a short statement of introduction by the student
- two most recent school reports and NAPLAN report
- ICAS results, where applicable
- full reports of any ability assessments e.g. WISC, WIAT, AGAT, WPPSI, if applicable
- student's formal diagnosis / assessment / specialist reports
- results of AMEB or equivalent examinations;
- a signed reference from your music tutor(s) as a PDF
- list of individual accreditations and achievements where applicable (copies of certificates). Please submit in one PDF document
- a video that shows the student playing their chosen instrument or a vocal performance for up to 5 minutes. One instrument only. The panel will only listen to the first 5 minutes of the piece. Video submissions will be reviewed by the music scholarship panel who will then make selections for students to be auditioned in person.

### Proficiency levels

Music scholarships are highly competitive, and candidates have often achieved at levels higher than the minimum grade standards listed below.

- Junior School music scholarship (Years 4 to 6 entry): minimum of Grade 3 standard (AMEB)
- Middle School music scholarship (Years 7 to 9 entry): minimum of Grade 5 standard (AMEB)
- Senior School music scholarship (Year 10 to 11 entry): minimum of Grade 6 standard (AMEB)

### Selection criteria

- A completed music scholarship application
- Payment of the \$145 Scholarship Application Fee
- a video of the student's performance (no more than 5 mins as per above)
- live audition
- enrolment interview.

### Process

Following the application's close date, candidates will be advised if they have been successful in being shortlisted for audition. **Please note that applicants may be invited to audition prior to the audition date, following submission of their application.**

Candidates who are successfully shortlisted, will be invited to audition live in front of the music scholarship selection panel. The 20-minute audition will require the candidate to present:

- two (2) contrasting pieces of the candidate's own choice
- if a candidate auditions on two instruments, they will be required to play one (1) piece on each instrument
- sight-reading;
- aural tests; and
- interview with the audition panel.

**Shortlisted applicants are welcome to provide their own accompanist at their expense.**

Approximately two weeks after audition, candidates will be notified they have been successful in securing an offer of a music scholarship. If successful:

- A formal offer of music scholarship will be issued confirming the scholarship amount and containing the terms and conditions of the music scholarship.
- Parents must complete an online Application for Enrolment. Please note that the \$300 Application Fee is waived for Junior School music scholars.
- If applicants choose to accept the scholarship, they must do so via an online acceptance form within ten days.
- Once the scholarship offer has been accepted, students must then attend an enrolment interview with the School's Registrar.

Following a successful enrolment interview with the School's Registrar:

- A separate Offer of Enrolment will also be issued, confirming the student's start date and year group.
- Parents and the student are to sign an Acceptance of Offer of Enrolment, along with payment of the \$3,000 Enrolment Fee.

### **Expectations of music scholars**

Music scholars are expected to:

- Be leaders by their example of commitment to the School's music programme (and the scholar's individual music scholar commitment schedule).
- Take music as an elective subject from Years 8 to 12.
- Participate in Junior, Middle School or Senior Choir, as applicable to their school year.
- Be on time and willing to participate positively in all rehearsals, such as morning rehearsals at 7.30am and afternoon rehearsals until approximately 5.30 pm, demonstrating initiative and an attitude of service.
- Perform at least once per term as a soloist in one of the School's weekly concerts, and as an ensemble member as requested by ensemble conductors.
- Undertake individual music tuition from a music tutor approved by of the Director of Performing Arts, at the expense of parents.
- Attend relevant performances involving music scholars irrespective of their own participation.
- Participate fully in school-life with satisfactory participation in school activities including sport, outdoor education, etc.
- Demonstrate academic leadership through strong and consistent classwork and study habits, including attendance and punctuality of all subject lessons.

Commitments are periodically reviewed and may change accordingly.

### **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 \$145 Scholarship Application Fee on the St Andrew's Cathedral School website: [sacs.nsw.edu.au/join-us/scholarships/music-scholarships/](https://sacs.nsw.edu.au/join-us/scholarships/music-scholarships/)

### **Contact**

If you have any questions regarding the music scholarship audition or process, please contact:  
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