



Creative Arts Scholarship Program

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The purpose of the scholarship program is to provide academic, pastoral and financial support to assist our highly capable creative students in pursuing their unique God-given potential. We want to encourage our students to achieve the best academic results possible while pursuing their passion in creative areas. We will also provide the flexibility for students to pursue excellence in their field of endeavour, while at the same time ensuring that the needs of the student are met in every area of their school life.

Those students who receive scholarships will have exemplary character and will share the values of our College community. Selected students will exhibit qualities such as integrity, leadership, initiative, care and compassion for others, and personal responsibility.

ELIGIBILITY

Students who are achieving very high standards in either Visual Arts, Music, Drama or Dance. Applications are invited from students currently enrolled at the College, or students who have submitted an application for enrolment.

BENEFITS

Scholarships will cover a proportion of tuition fees from Year 7 to Year 12, subject to annual review and renewed application every 2 years.

Benefits may include some or all of the following:

- Individual Education Plan
- School-based mentorship
- School based tutoring
- Individual pastoral support

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT EXPECTATIONS

- Participation in College performance opportunities, exhibition events and/or competitions
- Students on a Creative Arts – Music Scholarship will need to be actively involved and committed to a minimum of 2 SPCC Musical Ensembles
- Act as mentors/tutors for other students who are showing potential in their creative endeavours
- Represent the College by speaking &/or performing at special events

LENGTH AND TENURE OF SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships will commence in Year 7, Year 9 and Year 11. Year 7 Creative Arts Scholarships will continue to Year 8. Application can then be made for the scholarships to continue into Years 9 and 10. Scholarships commencing in Year 11 will continue into Year 12. Applications can be made to receive a Creative Arts Scholarship in Year 7, 9 and 11.

All scholarships will be reviewed annually.



APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are invited from current students and students not currently enrolled, who meet the selection criteria outlined in this application.

Students must submit:

- An Application for Enrolment and payment of Application Fee. Please note the Application Fee is non-refundable.
- A cover letter that includes: a brief personal introduction; an outline of why the student feels the scholarship would be beneficial to themselves and the College; levels attained in Visual Arts, Music, Drama or Dance; and a personal reflection statement on the College Core Values.
- A portfolio. This portfolio may include work samples, external examination results, certificates, newspaper clippings, evidence of achievement in your chosen area etc.
- Video Audition (no longer than 5 minutes) - *Creative Arts Dance, Music or Drama applicants are to submit a video audition as part of their application. Visual Arts will be based on the submitted Portfolio of work.*
- Letter of recommendation/statement of support from a professional mentor or creative arts tutor/teacher.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The selection process will include:

- Review of scholarship application by Scholarship Selection Committee
- Invitation to an interview with Principal/Scholarship Selection Committee for selected applicants. *For students applying for Music, Drama and Dance this will also have an audition based element to the interview.*
- The Scholarship Selection Committee will select scholarship recipients based on the applicant's ability to best fulfil the selection criteria, and the number of scholarships available.

A committee comprising of any or all of the following: Principal, Scholarships Coordinator and other delegates as requested by the Principal, will make the decision based on the scholarship applicant's ability to best fulfil the criteria, the number of scholarships available and school priority areas.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Students will demonstrate a:

- High level of ability in chosen creative area
- Evidence of involvement in creative opportunities (group or individual)
- Strong commitment to creative activities, educational pursuits and the College Core Values
- Potential for future leadership including student leadership and tutoring of other students



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NOTIFICATION OF AWARD

The parents/ candidates will be notified of the outcome in writing.

MENTORING GROUPS

All students on scholarship will be involved in school-based mentoring groups throughout the year. This is an opportunity to set goals, receive support and give feedback on being a Scholarship Recipient at SPCC Newcastle.

SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW

A scholarship review will take place annually to assess if a scholarship recipient's achievement is consistent with the selection criteria.

Electronic Applications should be emailed to:

newcastle.principal@spcc.nsw.edu.au

Please contact the Scholarships Coordinator, Mr Dayne Grindley, if you require assistance with the Creative Arts Application process: dayne.grindley@spcc.nsw.edu.au