



The Elite Athlete Scholarship Program

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The purpose of the scholarship program is to provide academic, pastoral and financial support to assist our elite athletes in pursuing their unique God-given potential. We want to encourage our students to achieve the best academic results possible while pursuing their sporting career. We will also provide the flexibility for students to pursue sporting excellence 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 sport, representing in their sport to state level (at least). If applicable, the College will consider representative pathways for the sport when the application is processed.

- Level 1: International level of competition + school representation to national level across multiple sports
- Level 2: National level of competition + school representation to state level
- Level 3: State, national or international level of competition with non-school-based sports

Students will also demonstrate a strong commitment to sporting activities, educational pursuits and the College Core Values.

Potential for future leadership; including student leadership, coaching ability and mentoring College teams.

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 EXPECTATIONS

Students are to:

- Participate in all College major sporting events and representation to the highest level possible
- Act as mentors/assistants or coaches for other students who are showing potential in their field of sport e.g. soccer, triathlon
- Represent the College by speaking at special events relating to their field

LENGTH AND TENURE OF SCHOLARSHIP

All Scholarships are offered on a 2 year basis. Entry into the scholarship program occurs in Years 7, 9 and 11. All scholarship recipients participate in a school-based mentoring program and also a formal annual review.

APPLICATION PROCESS

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

In order to apply, 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 this scholarship would be beneficial to themselves and the College; and a personal reflection statement of the College Core Values
- A portfolio containing:
 - A written summary of sporting awards/PB records (if relevant)
 - Any relevant photographs (if possible)
 - Other related texts; such as newspaper clippings etc. (if possible)
 - A statement of support from a current coach

SELECTION PROCEDURES

The selection process will include:

- Review of application package including evidence of student's sporting talent.
- Invitation for selected applicants to progress to an interview with Scholarship Selection Committee.
- The Scholarship Selection Committee will select scholarship recipients based on the applicant's ability to best fulfil the selection criteria, the number of scholarships available and performance at interview.

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:

- Sporting ability at an elite level, either state, national or international representation
- Strong commitment to sporting activities, educational pursuits and the College Core Values
- Potential for future leadership including student leadership, coaching ability and mentoring of College teams

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 or mailed Applications should be addressed to:

The College Principal, Mrs Pam O'Dea
newcastle.principal@spcc.nsw.edu.au

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