

Academic Scholarship Program

ELIGIBILITY

Academic Scholarships are awarded to students of high academic ability on the basis of academic merit, as demonstrated in an academic portfolio and an interview. The academic portfolio will demonstrate accomplishments, a commitment to learning, and involvement in school activities. Applications are invited from students currently enrolled at the College, or students who have submitted an application for enrolment.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT EXPECTATIONS

- Exemplify the College Core Values
- Participation in College academic opportunities and/or competitions
- Act as mentors/tutors for other students who are showing academic potential
- Represent the College by speaking at special events

LENGTH AND TENURE OF SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships will commence in Year 7, Year 9 and Year 11.

Year 7 Academic Scholarships will continue to Year 8. Application can then be made for the scholarships to continue into Years 9 and 10, followed by application to continue into Years 11 and 12. Scholarships commencing in Year 11 will continue into Year 12.

All scholarships will be reviewed annually.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- High academic ability demonstrated through academic merit
- Strong teacher/mentor recommendation highlighting student's attitude to learning, passionate engagement, standard of behaviour and learning disposition
- Strong communication skills

APPLICATION PROCESS

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

To apply for a scholarship, a student must be enrolled at the College.

For new enrolments only: Application for Enrolment must be submitted and payment of Application Fee processed. Please note the Application Fee is non-refundable. For further information on how to enrol, please

visit: https://www.spcc.nsw.edu.au/newcastle/enrolment/how-do-i-enrol



All applicants must submit:

A cover letter that includes:

- a brief personal introduction
- an outline of how the academic scholarship will enhance their learning at SPCC
- a description of areas of interest and passion
- a personal reflection statement on the College Core Values.

A portfolio

This portfolio should include:

- Academic transcripts (reports) and awards (including external competitions)
- NAPLAN results
- Reference from a current teacher or mentor
- Evidence of participation in extra-curricular activities
- Previous class placements for academic pursuits
- Psychometric report (if available)

Statement of Support

Please include a statement of support from a current teacher, tutor or coach.

Year 7 Applicants Only:

Students must log on to the ACER Scholarships website to register for the ACER Academic Scholarship test: <u>https://scholarships.acer.org/intro/3076</u>. Once registered, you will receive additional information regarding the dates, times and location of the test – these will take place around February of each year. Please note, there is a cost paid directly to ACER for this text.

ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE EMAILED TO:

Please forward your application documents to: <u>newcastle.scholarships@spcc.nsw.edu.au</u>