



SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

Policy for Awarding of Academic Scholarships

RATIONALE

Iona Presentation College is a Catholic school, called upon to reflect in its values and actions the like and teaching Jesus and having as part of its mission to be a dynamic and witnessing part of the Christian community. In Australia, Catholic schools have a long tradition of being available to all students, regardless of background or income. In the case of Iona Presentation College this availability is part of a longer tradition that goes back to our foundress, Nano Nagle, who established schools as a way of providing young women with an open opportunity for education. We believe that through the awarding of scholarships we are striving to work for justice in all that we do, bearing further witness to the core of our existence as a Catholic school in the Presentation tradition.

POLICY STATEMENTS

1. Iona Presentation College will award scholarships as a way of increasing access to enrolment to young women who would benefit from and contribute to, Catholic education at Iona Presentation College.
2. Scholarships will be awarded to young women who demonstrate potential for a commitment to a holistic education, in preparation for life, service, leadership and Presentation values.
3. The Principal will approve the number and value of scholarships each year based on the availability of funds.
4. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of a range of criteria, which take into account the merit and need of eligible students.
5. Scholarships will be awarded annually for students entering Year 7 and Year 10. Scholarships will cover a proportion of tuition fees, depending on the value of the scholarship, and would be subject to periodic review.
6. Students awarded scholarships will be bound by the same rights and responsibilities as all students enrolled at Iona Presentation College.

SCHOOL CONTEXT

The ethos of Iona Presentation College underpins all that we do. In the awarding of scholarships we draw especially on the following key elements.

1. Iona Presentation College is a school of innovative educational endeavour within Catholic education. Excellence and the pursuit of excellence and an expectation that each student will become the best person she can be, are primary goals.

2. Iona Presentation College provides a strong values-centred Catholic education in the tradition of the Presentation Sisters. The values of integrity, human dignity, justice, and service are core values that are central to school policy and practice. Within this tradition, students engage with those least advantaged in the local and global community and reflect upon this experience. They are expected to develop a social conscience, to become socially critical, to realise that individuals can make a difference and be active in working for social justice.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

General considerations:

1. Any student entering Year 7 or Year 10 in the following year (including a student who has already been accepted) is eligible to apply.
2. In the interests of sharing this assistance among as many families as possible, the presumption is that a family is likely to receive only one scholarship.

Method of selection:

1. Participation in the ACER Scholarship Selection Test (SST).
2. The successful student and her parent/guardian/carer attending an interview with the Principal, on offer of a scholarship.
3. The Principal will select scholarship holders based on the interview and results of the ACER (SST). At the interview, the Principal will take into account the student's involvement in her own school and local community.

Notification of award:

The candidates will be notified of the outcome in writing as soon as practicable following the examination. The award of the Scholarship(s) will be announced to the Iona community following acceptance and appropriate consent from the recipient(s).

Scholarship review:

The Deputy Principals (Teaching and Learning & Pastoral Care) will be responsible for privately reviewing the commitment of the scholarship holders to their personal education progress consistent with the principles of enrolment for all students and the policies of this document.

MONITORING OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

The Principal, together with the College Leadership Team will monitor and review the Scholarship Policy.

Boarding Scholarships awarded are subject to the student remaining in the Boarding House as a residential student for the duration of their studies and will be withdrawn if requirements are not met.