



# Macarthur Anglican School

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Macarthur Anglican School provides scholarships to meritorious students entering Years 7, 9 and 11. The Headmaster awards scholarships on the advice of the Head of Admissions, the Dean of Studies and the Deputy Headmaster.

## Purpose and Rationale of Awarding Scholarships

1. Macarthur seeks to draw and retain students of academic ability so as to assist in the raising of academic standards across the whole school.
2. Macarthur aims to provide scholarships to meritorious students whose families might otherwise be unable to afford an independent education.
3. As a school with an academic focus, students with the ability to receive an Academic, Music or All-Rounder scholarship are well-suited to the type of education Macarthur provides.
4. Scholarships are awarded in Music because of its special focus within the School.
5. Macarthur expects its scholarship recipients to provide leadership and examples to other students in their academic rigour, spirit of service and co-curricular involvement.
6. Scholarships for All-Rounders and meritorious students from Christian homes enhance Macarthur's school culture and philosophy through co-curricular participation and character.
7. The service expectations placed upon scholarship awardees enhance the School's Christian philosophy and embody our motto, 'Enter to Learn, Go out to Serve'.
8. Macarthur seeks to attain full enrolment and the awarding of scholarships assists this process.
9. Excellent academic and music results and performances reflect well upon the School and assist in marketing its educational services. The service elements of the All-Rounder scholarships do likewise.

## Eligibility

Scholarship Recipients must be Australian Citizens or hold valid Permanent Residency Visas. Temporary Visa Holders are not permitted to apply (unless a special invitation is made by the Headmaster at his discretion). Existing scholarship recipients are ineligible to apply for a further scholarship.

Applicants will be selected for a scholarship interview by the Deputy Headmaster and Head of Admissions. Selection criteria will be based on the portfolio supplied at the time of application.

## YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIPS

**Macarthur Academic Scholarships (Year 7)** - Open to existing Macarthur students who have commenced at the beginning of Year 6 or earlier. Applicants must have commenced studies at Macarthur in Year 6 or earlier to apply for these scholarships. Means testing does not apply. Partial tuition scholarships between 30% to 80% will be awarded based on application, academic merit (including a scholarship test) and an interview. Generally, a maximum of **five** scholarships will be awarded in any one year. From this cohort a Foundation Scholar will be awarded a full tuition scholarship at Speech and Awards Night prior to beginning Year 7.

**Academic Scholarships (Year 7)** - Open to external applicants in Year 6. Generally, a maximum of **two** full tuition scholarships and **ten** partial tuition scholarships between 30% to 80% will be awarded based on written application, academic merit (including a scholarship test) and an interview. Means testing does not apply.

**Music Scholarships (Year 7)** - Open to all students in Year 6 Awardees for Music Scholarships will receive a partial tuition scholarship between 30% to 75%. Students will be awarded a Music scholarship based on the strength of their application, audition, academic merit (including a scholarship test) and an interview. Students will be invited to audition based on the portfolio provided. Auditions are generally held within 2 weeks of the Scholarship examination. Generally, a maximum of **five** scholarships will be awarded in any one year. Means testing does not apply.

**All-Rounder Scholarship (Year 7 only)** - Open to all students. The awardees of the All-Rounder Scholarship will be of sound academic standing and have a specific strength and demonstrated success in one or more of the following categories:

- Sport
- Visual and Performing Arts
- Technology
- Agriculture
- School service
- Community service
- Leadership (in general awarded to School Captains or Vice-Captains or other positions of significant leadership)

A letter of recommendation from the appropriate referee(s) or evidentiary documentation is recommended to accompany applications. Students applying for the All-Rounder Scholarship would need to demonstrate high levels of achievement in their field at Regional or State level (or equivalent). A minimum tuition discount of 30% to a maximum tuition discount of 50% tuition will be awarded based on application, academic merit (including a scholarship test) and interview. In general, a maximum of **five** scholarships will be awarded in any one year. Students will be selected for interview based on the portfolio provided at the time of application. Means testing does not apply.

**Timothy Scholarship (Year 7)** - Open to external applicants who are from an active Christian family who are seeking a Christian education at Macarthur where they would otherwise not be able to afford it. Applicants will be required to provide a reference from their current church minister or pastor. The scholarship will be awarded based on application, academic merit (including a scholarship test) and an interview. In general, a maximum of **one** candidate in any one calendar year will be awarded at a maximum 50% tuition discount. Successful applicants will have their application and examination fee credited to their tuition account on commencement. This scholarship may not be

awarded each year. Means testing applies to this scholarship and families applying will need to provide financial statements to the Business Manager on request.

## **YEAR 9 AND YEAR 11 SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Macarthur Academic Scholarships (Year 9 and Year 11 Enrolled at Macarthur)** - Academic scholarships will be bestowed on three top based students with a GPA of at least 9.0. No applications for existing Macarthur students will be received for an Academic Scholarship for Year 9 or Year 11. Academic scholarships with a tuition discount of up to 75% will be bestowed on the three top placed students ranked according to their final GPAs on their yearly reports in Year 8 and Year 10 respectively. Existing scholarship holders will receive no further discount on tuition fees unless their earlier award amounted to less than a 50% discount.

**Academic Scholarships (Years 9 and 11)** - Open to external applicants entering Years 9 and 11. A minimum tuition discount of 30% to a maximum tuition discount of 75% tuition will be awarded based on application, academic merit (including a scholarship test) and an interview. A maximum of **three** external scholarships will be awarded in any one cohort. Means testing does not apply.

**Macarthur Music Scholarships (Years 9 and 11)** - One Music scholarship with a tuition discount between 30% to 75% will be bestowed upon the most deserving performer in both year groups based on the recommendation of the Head of Performance. No applications for existing Macarthur students will be accepted for a Music scholarship in Years 9 and 11. A maximum of **three** external scholarships will be awarded in any one cohort. This scholarship may not be awarded each year.

**General Music Scholarships (Years 9 and 11)** - Open to external applicants entering Years 9 and 11. Awardees for Music Scholarships will receive a partial tuition scholarship between 30% -75%. Students will be awarded a Music scholarship based on the strength of their application, audition, academic merit (including a scholarship test) and an interview. A maximum of **three** external scholarships will be awarded in any one cohort. This scholarship may not be awarded each year. Means testing does not apply.

**Timothy Scholarship (Years 9 and 11)** - Open to external applicants entering Years 9 and 11 who are from an active Christian family who are seeking a Christian education at Macarthur where they would otherwise not be able to afford it. Applicants will be required to provide a reference from their current church minister or pastor. The scholarship will be awarded based on application, academic merit (including a scholarship test) and an interview. In general, a maximum of **one** candidate in any one calendar year will be awarded at 50% tuition discount. Successful applicants will have their application and examination fee credited to their tuition account on commencement. This scholarship may not be awarded each year. Means testing applies to this scholarship and families applying will need to provide financial statements to the Business Manager on request.

	External Applicants	Internal Applicants	No Application. Awarded by School	Portfolio Required	Audition	References Required
<b>General Academic Scholarship</b>	✓			✓		
<b>Macarthur Academic Scholarship</b> (Macarthur students only)		✓ Year 7 only		✓		
<b>Macarthur Academic Scholarship</b> (Macarthur students only)			✓ Years 9 and 11			
<b>Music Scholarship</b>	✓ Years 7 and 11	✓ Year 7 only	✓ Years 9 and 11	✓	✓	
<b>All-Rounder Scholarship</b>	✓ Year 7 only	✓ Year 7 only		✓	✓ Depending on category	✓
<b>Timothy Scholarship</b>	✓ Years 7 & 11			✓		✓

## **The Expectations and Management of Academic Scholarship Students**

- The Dean of Studies has general oversight over all scholarship students. The Heads of School have a direct and specific pastoral oversight over Academic Scholarship students. Heads of School have the responsibility to care and assist in the academic development of the students, ensure that the students are meeting all their commitments and obligations and inform the Dean of Studies of general progress and areas of concern.
- In keeping with the School's motto, 'Enter to Learn, Go out to Serve' Scholarship students will be expected to:
  1. Maintain an excellent Academic record
  2. Participate in at least one co-curricular activity per year (except in Year 12)
  3. Undertake acts of service as directed by the Headmaster or his representative
  4. Maintain a positive attitude towards the School. This must be reflected in dress, bearing and behaviour.
- The Heads of School have the responsibility to monitor these expectations. Where students consistently and determinedly fail to meet all these expectations and obligations there will be cause to review the status of their scholarship and bring the matter to the attention of the Headmaster via the Dean of Studies.

## **Selection Criteria for Music Scholarships**

Music Scholarship Applicants - Years 7, 9 and 11

- All applicants for Music Scholarships must audition before the Faculty Head of Music and Performance and sit the general scholarship test.
- All scholarship students will play two instruments (a major with a support instrument). The auditioning/interview panel will complete an 'Audition Assessment' on each applicant. The Faculty Head of Music will then take the panel recommendations to the Deputy Headmaster and/or the Dean of Studies. The Deputy Headmaster and/or the Dean of Studies will compare:
  - Applicant's performance in the audition with their general academic record
  - Scholarship Examination
  - Recent school reports
  - National testing results
  - Participation in co-curricular and leadership activities
  - Enrolment interview

Applicants who are deemed to have achieved consistent excellence in their music studies and performance endeavours will be recommended to the Headmaster for a Music Scholarship.

- AMEB examinations are a **guide** as to the level expected of Scholarship students upon entry to Macarthur. While it is possible that some students have not undertaken formal Music examinations, it will be the expectation of the school that upon receiving a scholarship, the student will commence or continue private tutoring on their instrument.
- Students applying for Music scholarships would be expected to be consistent with the attainment skills of the following AMEB levels:
  - Level 1 (Year 7) - 3rd grade in AMEB
  - Level 2 (Year 9) - 5th grade in AMEB
  - Level 3 (Year 11) - 6th grade in AMEB

## The Audition Process

- The expectation is for orchestral and band instruments and/ or voice that the pieces are appropriately accompanied either by piano or a backing track.
- The auditioning/interview panel will complete an 'Audition Assessment Sheet' on each applicant. The panel will then take its recommendations to the Dean of Studies. The Dean of Studies will compare the applicant's performance in the audition with their general academic record, including the Scholarship Examination, recent school reports and national testing results (if applicable). Applicants recommended by the auditioning/interview panel who also possess sound academic records will be recommended to the Headmaster for a scholarship.
- Requirements of Scholarship applicants at auditions will include a demonstration of:
  - **Pieces on principal instrument** - Two contrasting pieces
  - **Secondary Instrument** - One piece of any style
  - **Music Literacy** - Musical terms and symbols, note reading and general knowledge connected to the students' chosen repertoire. Equivalent to skill level.
  - **Aural** - Recognition of beat, melodic shape and intervals. If unsure, consult the AMEB or equivalent syllabuses and your private tutor. Equivalent to skill level.
  - **Sight Reading Test** - If unsure, consult the AMEB or equivalent syllabuses and your private tutor. Equivalent to skill level.
  - **Passionate engagement** - Active and enthusiastic engagement with music and musical activities in school and/or the larger community.

## Music Scholarships Years 9 and 11 (Current Macarthur Students)

- Macarthur Music Scholarships (Year 9 and Year 11) - No applications for existing Macarthur students will be received for a Music scholarship in Year 9 or Year 11. One Music scholarship with a tuition discount between 30% to 75% will be bestowed upon the most deserving performer in each of the year groups based on the recommendation of the Faculty Head of Music. This scholarship may not be awarded each year.

## *The Expectations and Management of Music Scholarship Students:*

- The Dean of Studies has general oversight over all scholarship students. The Faculty Head of Music and Performance has a direct and specific pastoral oversight over Music Scholarship students. This will enable the Faculty Head to care and assist in the musical development of the students, ensure that the students are

meeting all their commitments and obligations and inform the Dean of Studies of general progress and areas of concern.

- In keeping with the School's motto, 'Enter to Learn, Go out to Serve' Music Scholarship students will be expected to:
  - Play two instruments (a major with a support instrument)\*
  - Participate in two ensembles (large or small) or be an active accompanist
  - Be working towards increasing their attainment level and refining their skills on their instrument.
  - Participate in Chapel and Assembly performances each year as requested, and any other duties requested by the Faculty Head and Headmaster
  - Be receiving tuition on an on-going basis
  - Participate in a Music Concert every year.
  - Maintain a sound Academic performance in Music and other subjects
  - Perform with appropriate dress and bearing as per the school diary

The Faculty Head of Music and Performance has the responsibility to monitor these expectations and obligations. Where students consistently and determinedly fail to meet all these expectations and obligations, there will be cause to review the status of their scholarship and bring the matter to the attention of the Headmaster via the Dean of Studies.

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\* *Over the course of time students may elect to switch or change their major and supporting instrument.*