



# WAVERLEY COLLEGE

## CREATIVE ARTS & CO-CURRICULAR SCHOLARSHIPS POLICY

### Rationale

As a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice tradition, founded in Ireland, pioneered by the Christian Brothers and more recently led by Edmund Rice Education Australia, Waverley College has a long history of providing the highest quality education for boys and young men regardless of background or income.

Keeping faith with our Charter - which calls upon us to fulfil the four key touchstones of *liberating education, gospel spirituality, inclusive community, justice and solidarity* - we aim to reflect in our values and actions the charism of Edmund Rice. We believe that the scholarship program is central to meeting this aim. Our scholarships provide equality of access and support the provision of a liberating education by encouraging our students to realise their potential and to strive for excellence.

### Policy Statements

- The Creative Arts and Co-curricular Scholarship Policy applies to the following scholarship programs:
  - Creative Arts Scholarship
  - Higher Representation Scholarship
  - Tours Scholarship
- Waverley College will award Creative Arts and Co-curricular Scholarships as a means of increasing access to enrolment to students who would benefit from and contribute to education at the College.
- Scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate their commitment to learning and an ability to contribute to the life of the College in preparation for life, service and leadership.
- The College Board will approve the number and value of scholarships each year based on the availability of funds.
- Creative Arts and Co-curricular Scholarships will particularly aim to encourage students to realise their potential and to strive for excellence by :
  - providing access to opportunities which might otherwise be unavailable
  - encouraging those with outstanding talent and application to achieve at the highest levels as role models for all students, current and future
  - providing more opportunities for co-curricular participation at the College.
- Creative Arts and Co-curricular Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of a range of criteria which take into account the merit and need of eligible students.
- Scholarships will be awarded annually for students at any Year level at the Headmaster's discretion.
- Scholarships will cover full or partial remission of costs for specialist tuition, travel, equipment, participation or any other expense deemed reasonable by the Headmaster.
- All Creative Arts and Co-curricular Scholarships will be subject to annual review.
- Students awarded scholarships will be bound by the same rights and responsibilities as all students enrolled at Waverley College.

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## School Context

In the awarding of scholarships we draw especially on the following key priorities:

- The learning environment at Waverley College will be inclusive, innovative and inspiring so that all learners experience success and achieve their best. Waverley College provides a learning culture that embraces excellence and the pursuit of excellence as a means of inspiring every student to work to the best of their ability and to realise their potential.
- Our aim is to continue our proud, successful educational tradition as an inclusive, independent Catholic school, engaging with the broader community through educational leadership, outreach and relationship building.

## SELECTION PROCEDURES

### General Considerations

1. Both future and current students may apply for Creative Arts and Co-curricular Scholarships.
2. Any student may be considered for Creative Arts and Co-curricular Scholarships at the discretion of the Headmaster.
3. In the interest of sharing this assistance among as many families as possible, the presumption is that a family is likely to receive only one scholarship.
4. The Headmaster, at his discretion, may require, as a condition of the Scholarship, that the recipient participates in certain events or activities of the College.

### Method of Selection

1. Completion of the Creative Arts & Co-curricular Scholarship Application Form obtained from the College Registrar.
2. If required, the student and his parent/guardian/carer attending an interview and/or an audition with the Scholarship Selection Committee, consisting of the Headmaster and/or his appointees.
3. The Scholarship Selection Committee will select scholarship holders based on the application, interview or audition as applicable.

### Selection Criteria

In making their decision, the Scholarship Selection Committee will consider the following criteria:

1. Evidence of the student's commitment and ability in the area to which the Arts/Co-curricular Scholarship submission applies
2. The student's commitment to learning and ability to contribute to the life of the College, particularly in the area of specialisation
3. Where applicable, demonstrated financial need.

### Notification of award

The candidates will be notified of the outcome in writing as soon as practicable following the interviews.

### Scholarship Review

The Director of Curriculum will be responsible for privately reviewing the commitment of the scholarship holders to their personal educational progress consistent with the principles of enrolment for all students and the policies of this document. Reviews will be conducted annually.

## MONITORING OF THE SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

The College Board will monitor and review the Creative Arts & Co-curricular Scholarship Policy.