



WAVERLEY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC, JP LACEY & EDMUND RICE 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 to those who otherwise would not seek enrolment, and support the provision of a liberating education by encouraging our students to realise their potential and to strive for excellence.

Policy Statements

- The Academic and Pecuniary Scholarships Policy applies to the following scholarship programs:
 - Senior Academic Scholarship
 - Br JP Lacey Scholarship
 - Edmund Rice Scholarship.
- Waverley College will award scholarships as a way of increasing access to enrolment to students who would benefit from and contribute to an 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.
- 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 entering Year 7 and Year 11. Applicants for other years may be considered at the Headmaster's discretion. Scholarships will cover all tuition fees or a proportion of tuition fees from Year 7 to 12.
- Scholarships of all types are subject to annual review.
- Students awarded scholarships will be bound by the same rights and responsibilities as all students enrolled at Waverley College.

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 scholarships.
2. While scholarships are principally offered to students entering Years 7 and 11, students in any year may be considered for 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 in any particular year.

Method of Selection

1. Completion of the relevant Scholarship Application Form, obtained from the College Registrar.
2. Participation in the ACER Scholarship Selection Test in the case of the Senior College Academic Scholarship.
3. The student and his parent/guardian/carer attending an interview with the Scholarship Selection Committee, consisting of the Headmaster and/or his appointees.
4. The Scholarship Selection Committee will select scholarship holders based on the application, the interview and, where applicable, results of the ACER Scholarship Selection Test.

Selection Criteria

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

1. The student's performance in the ACER Scholarship Selection Test (where applicable).
2. Evidence of the student's talent and interest in academic studies, co-curricular activities, social justice activities and leadership potential.
3. Details provided in the Application and Financial Statement (where applicable).

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.

MONITORING OF THE SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

The College Board will monitor and review the Scholarship Policy.

Note: For Creative Arts, Higher Representation and Tours Scholarships please refer to the separate policy document.