



St Michael's
Grammar School

Scholarships at St Michael's

A St Michael's Scholarship provides students with more than financial support; they gain enhanced self-belief and are empowered to develop their unique talents, interests and perspectives to enable them to contribute to the life of our School and the broader community.

2026





"The St Michael's Scholarship Program gave me the support and opportunity to be able to swim at the Paralympic Games in both Tokyo (2021) and Paris (2024)"

– Col Pearce



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St Michael's Grammar School

Welcome to St Michael's Grammar School, where our students are at the heart of everything we do.

St Michael's is the independent school of choice for Melbourne families that value Dignity, Respect, Care and Compassion, and want their children to be nurtured and challenged as individuals.

We are an inclusive co-educational school community offering a single-campus model, state-of-the-art facilities and expert and passionate educators. St Michael's has developed a holistic approach to education underpinned by a commitment to inclusivity and respect.

Our learning community supports students to maximise their potential by developing their talents and passions through our future-focused programs. The broad-ranging educational offering we provide, both curricular and co-curricular, empowers our students to make a difference in the world as contributing citizens.

This is reflected in the diverse achievements of our Old Michaelians – from CEO's of not-for-profit organisations and pioneers in social justice, to Olympians and AFLW stars, software developers, leading medical researchers and scientists, journalists and Hollywood film directors, acclaimed actors and actresses, composers and musicians.

Families seek Scholarships for a variety of reasons including a desire to further develop a particular talent their child might have, to broaden the scope of their child's education or to provide opportunities that may be beyond the family's capacity. As a School, we seek to understand why each family chooses St Michael's and we encourage applications from a diverse range of students who will benefit from a St Michael's education and contribute to our School and the broader community.

Scholarships at St Michael's

With a growing number of students receiving Scholarships, our Program seeks to attract and retain a diverse community of learners who bring unique talents, interests, perspectives and leadership to life at St Michael's.

Key information

- We offer Scholarships in two categories: 'Contributing Citizen' and 'High Achiever.'
- Applicants may indicate the Scholarship for which they wish to apply, however students may be considered for a Scholarship from either category.
- In keeping with our commitment to assist students who otherwise may not be able to benefit from a St Michael's education, a family's financial situation is carefully considered, and we give a higher weighting to those for whom the Scholarship would have a significant financial impact.
- The total number of new Scholarships awarded annually depends on the number of applicants, their strengths against the criteria, and available funding.
- The value of Scholarships awarded may range from 25% to 100% remission of tuition fees (excluding levies and Payroll Tax) based on financial need.

- Scholarships are offered to students entering Year 5-11, from the year of award until the completion of Year 12, subject to progress. Student progress is assessed on an ongoing basis and formally reviewed at the end of Year 6 and Year 9.
- Scholarship students in the Senior School will be assigned a mentor to support their learning journey, help develop their talents and involvement in School life.

While the primary purpose of a Scholarship is to enhance the opportunities available to students, there is an expectation that a scholarship recipient will engage with the life of the School and make a positive contribution to the School.

It is expected that all Scholarship recipients will maximise the opportunity by:

- sharing the School's values of Dignity, Respect, Care and Compassion
- embracing the School's culture of contributing citizenship and reciprocity
- engaging with the diverse range of programs offered by the School
- contributing positively to the School and broader community.

The Scholarships offered by St Michael's are:

AWARD TITLE	ELIGIBILITY	ENTRY YEAR	MEANS-TESTED	OTHER REQUIREMENTS
Contributing Citizens	New Students	Years 5–11	Optional	
High Achiever	New and Current Students	Years 5–11	Optional	Audition (if dance, drama, voice or instrumental music are areas of high achievement)

Within the above, successful applicants may be awarded specific Scholarships as follows:

1. A female student whose area of excellence is Science, Maths and/or Technology may be awarded the Judith Whitworth Science, Maths and Technology Scholarship for Girls.
2. A student whose area of excellence is instrumental music may be awarded the Anne and Joan Jones Music Scholarship.
3. Students entering Year 7-9 who apply for a Scholarship based on their musical proficiency may also be considered for the Edwina Hanlon Bursary.

In addition, the Head of School, at their discretion may award a Scholarship on the recommendation from the Scholarship Committee. These Scholarships are known as Head of School Scholarships.

Optional Means Testing

Scholarships applications will be reviewed against the criteria and in the context of family financial need. We recommend applying for means-testing so that the School can better understand the extent to which a Scholarship will assist a family to support their child, or children's education.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The St Michael's Grammar School Scholarship Program operates subject to the School's Scholarship Policy. Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Head of the School, and the Scholarship holder is subject to all terms and conditions of enrolment.

For a copy of the School's Scholarships Policy or Enrolment Terms and Conditions, please visit stmichaels.vic.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships

Costs covered by the Scholarship

The Head of School, at their discretion, will award a part or full concession of Tuition fees, based on an assessment of the family's financial situation as indicated by supporting documentation.

Costs not covered by the Scholarship

Scholarships cover Tuition Fees only. All additional and associated costs relating to the student's education are not covered.

General Eligibility Criteria

1. A student must be an Australian citizen, or a permanent resident of Australia within the meaning of the Australian Citizenship Act 1948.
2. Applicants must complete and lodge the application form by 20 January 2025.
3. Only information requested during the application process will be accepted. St Michael's will not accept any additional information.
4. All applicants must sit the Scholarship Exam.
5. All Applicants must show consistent documented learning.
6. Applicants must provide a statement of financial position when applying for a means-tested scholarship.
7. Short-listed applicants may be required to provide further financial supporting documentation to satisfy the means-testing criteria set by the School.
8. All students invited to a Scholarship Interview must have lodged a waitlist application with the School and completed the Pre Enrolment Form prior to interview.

HOW TO APPLY

St Michael's partners with Academic Assessment Services to collate applications and conduct academic testing. Information about the style of test and suggested preparation can be found on their website.

All applicants may be considered for both the High Achiever and Contributing Citizen Scholarships.

Step 1

Applicants to complete their Scholarship application online via the St Michael's website.

Step 2

All applicants sit the Academic Test on 1 February at the St Michael's campus in St Kilda. Performing Arts auditions will be held for eligible students on 8 February.

Step 3

Short-listed applicants will be invited to interview with a member of the St Michael's Executive to share their passions, interests and talents and discuss the benefits they envisage through attending our School, and the contribution they can make to the School and the broader community.

All students invited to a Scholarship Interview must have lodged a waitlist application with the School and submitted a completed Pre Enrolment Form ahead of the interview.

Step 4

Following consideration of the application, family circumstances, and interview with the member of the St Michael's Executive, The Head of School, at their discretion, will offer in writing, a Scholarship ranging from 25% to 100% off tuition fees (excluding levies).

Step 5

All applicants will receive the results of their academic test at the conclusion of the Scholarship process.

SELECTION PROCESS

St Michael's takes a holistic approach to the Scholarship process. When determining which applicants will be offered a Scholarship, the following is considered:

- Information about the student provided in the scholarship application, and if shortlisted, requested enrolment information
- The student's two most recent school reports and current NAPLAN results
- Academic test results
- Audition results (if applicable)
- Financial Statement and supporting information (if applicable)
- The interview.

Contributing Citizen Scholarships

In keeping with our Strategic Direction and our values of Dignity, Respect, Care and Compassion, our Contributing Citizen Scholarships are awarded to new students who have already demonstrated strong community spirit and a desire to make a difference to the world around them. We want our students to embrace their social responsibility and act for the benefit of society.

Students considered for these Scholarships are those who are enthusiastic and reliable contributors to civic life, in and outside of school. While demonstrated **leadership and community service** is a significant factor, we also want our students to develop their life skills across a broad range of competencies, and other areas of strength or passion are well regarded.

This may include:

- Sport
- The Performing Arts
- Visual Arts or Design
- Science and Technology
- Environmental Sustainability
- Politics
- Social Justice
- Academia
- And other community endeavours

Evidence of these attributes must be provided in support of the application.

Scholarships are awarded to students entering Year 5 and 6 in the Junior School and Year 7 to 11 in the Senior School in 2026.

In keeping with our commitment to assist students who otherwise may not be able to benefit from a St Michael's education, we strongly recommend applying for means-testing.

We instil in our students the confidence to lead in their fields of endeavour, the determination to follow their passions and the wisdom to live balanced and meaningful lives, inspired by a commitment to making the world a better place.

– St Michael's Strategic Direction: Towards 2030



High Achiever Scholarships

Our School is respected for our exceptional educational offering and our focus on nurturing our students' talents and passions to enable them to achieve their full potential. High Achiever Scholarships recognise students who have demonstrated outstanding talent in one or more areas of endeavour, and who wish to continue to develop those talents. It is expected that students who receive a High Achiever Scholarship will remain committed to nurturing their talents and enriching the School through active participation in School programs.

These Scholarships may be awarded to students who excel in areas such as:

- General Academic Excellence
- Exceptional Academic Performance in a Particular Subject or Field
- Sport
- Performing Arts (dance, drama, voice or instrumental music)
- Visual Arts and Design
- Science and Technology

If the area of achievement is in the discipline of Music, the following AMEB standards are expected.

High Achiever AMEB Standards

INSTRUMENT	YEAR LEVEL	AMEB GRADE
Piano and Strings	5	AMEB Grade 4 standard or equivalent
	7	AMEB Grade 5 standard or equivalent
	9	AMEB Grade 6 standard or equivalent
Woodwind, Brass and Contemporary Instrumental (Electric Bass, Electric Guitar, Drum Kit etc)	5	AMEB Grade 3-4 standard or equivalent
	7	AMEB Grade 4-5 standard or equivalent
	9	AMEB Grade 5-6 standard or equivalent
Voice (Classical or Contemporary)	5	AMEB Grade 2-3 standard or equivalent
	7	AMEB Grade 3-4 standard or equivalent
	9	AMEB Grade 4-5 standard or equivalent

Edwina Hanlon Music Bursary

This Bursary is intended for a student entering Year 7-9 who has demonstrated a high level of proficiency with a musical instrument and who wishes to explore the opportunity to learn a second instrument.

It meets the cost of their private music tuition for their secondary instrument.

This Bursary will be confined to a single year.





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