Macquarie College

ASPIRE SCHOLARSHIP Handbook 2028



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Futures-Start Here

At Macquarie College, we are committed to nurturing every student to grow in character, faith, and learning, empowering them to achieve their God-given potential.

Our mission is to celebrate students who demonstrate characteristics that align with the College's values and who proudly represent the College both within and beyond the Macquarie College community.

Aspire Scholarship Categories

Academic
Sport
CAPA
Character



Aspire Scholarship

The Macquarie College Scholarship Program recognises the achievements, skills, and exceptional qualities of our students. It assists families with tuition costs and empowers students to pursue their passions, extend their learning and shape their future.

Scholarships are available to students in Years 5 to 11 who demonstrate exceptional ability, achievement, and commitment in their chosen area of excellence.

These scholarships are awarded for one calendar year and must be reapplied for annually.

Visit our website to apply for a scholarship

Aspire Scholarship Categories

Open to students in Year 5 - Year 11

Aspire Academic Scholarship

Academic Scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement across all subject areas. Recipients who are curious, motivated and who actively engage in their studies and make a positive contribution to the life of the College.

Eligibility guidelines:-

Junior School

- High achievement in English and Mathematics.

Senior School

- An average of 85% or above in core subjects.

NAPLAN, PAT, and other academic assessment data may be considered. No formal scholarship examinations are required.

Aspire Sport Scholarship

Sport scholarships are awarded to students who display exceptional athletic ability and a commitment to excellence in their nominated sport.

Applicants must demonstrate an outstanding level of ability and compete at a high representative level. Specific eligibility requirements are outlined on page 8.

Beyond individual achievements, the recipient must embody a strong team ethos, positively contributing to the success and spirit of MC sporting teams, carnivals and programs. This scholarship celebrates not only talent but also dedication, teamwork and a positive attitude.

Aspire CAPA Scholarship

CAPA scholarships are awarded to students who display exceptional talent, skill and dedication in the area of creative arts or instrument and actively participate in school or external ensembles (Music, Visual Arts or Drama)

The successful recipients will be expected to positively contribute to Macquarie College's vibrant co-curricular music activities, enriching our community through their talent, passion and commitment to the arts.

Aspire Character Scholarship

Character Scholarships recognises students who consistently demonstrate exemplary character and contribute positively to the College community.

The successful recipients will not only achieve personal success but also seek to positively impact the lives of others. Their actions should reflect the College values and they should seek to make a meaningful difference through service, integrity, compassion, and leadership.

Evidence may include participation in community service, volunteering, or mission activities, and contributions to school life, clubs, sporting teams, student leadership, or co-curricular programs. Students may be required to submit a reference to support their application. They will be recognised as someone who embodies strong character, demonstrates Christ-like values, and contributes to a culture where others can thrive.

Application Process

Applications are open to students entering Years 5-11. Applicants must be Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents.

External applicants must submit an enrolment application to Macquarie College prior to applying for a scholarship.

Registration
Open for 2028

Closing Date
Strictly 4pm Friday, 26 February 2027

Application Fee
An application fee of $50 is payable by credit card on submission of your online application

Notification Date
Parents/carers will be notified of the outcome of their application via email by Thursday, 25 March 2027.



Selection Process
Scholarship recipients are selected based on a range of criteria, which may vary depending on the individual scholarship category. Further details are provided within each scholarship category.

Selection may include consideration of:

- Completed application form.
- Supplementary information and/or portfolio.
- Audition, recordings or interview (where applicable).
- Demonstrated interest, ability and commitment in the chosen area.

All scholarship applications are carefully considered. Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of Macquarie College, and all decisions are final.

Scholarship Process

1. All scholarship applications and supporting documentation will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

2. A shortlist of applicants will be prepared based on the selection criteria and information provided.

3. Interview (if required). Shortlisted students and their parent/carer may be invited to attend an interview.

4. Scholarship recipients will be notified by email on or before the advertised notification date.

Visit our website to apply for a scholarship

Aspire Scholarship Conditions

The number of scholarships awarded in each category is limited and determined at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship decisions are final, and awards are non-transferable.

To support the purpose and objectives of the Macquarie College Scholarship Program, flexibility may be exercised in the allocation of scholarships each year.

Families of successful applicants will be notified in writing and must accept the scholarship offer within 10 business days of notification. If no response is received within this timeframe, the scholarship offer may be withdrawn.

Applicants who are withdrawing from the College will be charged at full fee rate pro rata for the school year. The Scholarship discount will not be applied.

Scholarships are awarded as a 20% remission of tuition fees, credited directly to the student's fee account. In some circumstances, a scholarship awarded by another school may be transferable to a confirmed enrolment at Macquarie College.

Where a student is eligible for more than one scholarship, including the Dux Scholarship, only the scholarship of the highest monetary value will be awarded.

By accepting a scholarship, recipients agree to positively represent Macquarie College by upholding its values and expectations, adhering to uniform guidelines, demonstrating respectful behaviour, maintaining a positive approach to learning and contributing to College life.

Recipients also acknowledge that their achievements, participation and results may be shared by the College in promotional and communication materials, including social media, publications, the College website and other marketing channels.



Category Specific Requirements

Academic Scholarships

Available to students entering Years 5-11

Required Supporting Documentation

- School reports from the past two years
- Most recent NAPLAN results
- ICAS results (if available)
- Other supporting documents, including relevant certificates and awards

Recipients of an Academic Scholarship are expected to participate in external academic competitions and assessments, such as ICAS, throughout the duration of the scholarship.



Sport Scholarships

Available to students entering Years 5-11.

Applicants must demonstrate a high level of achievement and have competed at one or more of the following levels: HRIS/Zone, AICES/Regional, NSWCIS/NSWCHS, NSW All Schools or compete at a National level.

Required Supporting Documentation

- School reports from the past two years
- Most recent NAPLAN results
- A sporting résumé and portfolio
- Two character references from coaches, team managers, or teachers (references from family members will not be accepted)
- Other relevant supporting documents, including certificates and awards.

Sport Scholarship holders are expected to be fully involved in the co-curricular sporting opportunites of the school and to represent MC in their chosen sports.

Beyond individual achievements, the recipient must embody a strong team ethos, positively contributing to the success and spirit of MC sporting teams, carnivals and programs.

This scholarship celebrates not only talent but also dedication, teamwork and a positive attitude.



Category Specific Requirements

Creative & Performing Arts (CAPA) Scholarship

Available to students entering Years 5-11.

Applicants should nominate the artistic discipline in which they demonstrate their strongest ability. Students with strengths across multiple disciplines should focus their application on their primary area of excellence and provide evidence of their experience and achievements.

All applicants must demonstrate an outstanding level of skill in their chosen discipline and actively participate in school and/or community-based artistic programs, ensembles, productions, exhibitions, or performances. Successful recipients will be expected to make a positive contribution to Macquarie College's co-curricular program and enrich the College community through their talent, passion, and commitment to the arts.

Required Supporting Documentation

- School reports from the past two years
- Most recent NAPLAN results
- A one-page CV outlining relevant experience, achievements, performances, exhibitions, productions, or awards
- Portfolio and/or supporting materials relevant to the artistic discipline
- Any other supporting documentation, including certificates, awards, or references where applicable.



CAPA Scholarship (Music)

In addition to the general application requirements, Music Scholarship applicants must:

- Perform two contrasting pieces, each approximately two minutes in duration (live or via video recording).
- Participate in a discussion regarding their performance, musical experience, interests, and future goals.

Applicants should be receiving regular private tuition and demonstrate achievement through AMEB, Trinity College London, or equivalent qualifications and performance experience relevant to their instrument or area of study.

Music Scholarship recipients are required to study Elective Music in Years 9-12, where available, or another CAPA elective subject such as Visual Arts or Drama. Recipients are also expected to actively participate in the College's co-curricular music program and contribute to the musical life of the school through ensembles, performances, and service opportunities.



Category Specific Requirements

Character Scholarships

Available for students entering Year 5 - Year 11

Available to students who demonstrate the College's values and seek to make a meaningful difference through service, integrity, compassion, and leadership.

Required Supporting Documentation

- School reports from the past two years
- Most recent NAPLAN results
- Evidence of participation in community service, volunteering, mission activities, or service initiatives
- Evidence of contributions to school life, clubs, sporting teams, student leadership roles, and/or co-curricular programs
- A reference supporting the applicant's character, leadership, and service contribution. A letter from a family member will not be accepted
- Attendance at an interview with relevant College leaders

Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to serving others, making a positive contribution to their community, and modelling the College values through leadership, integrity, compassion, and active involvement in school and community life.

Successful recipients will not only pursue personal excellence but also seek to positively influence the lives of others.

They will be recognised as individuals of strong character who embody Christ-like values and contribute to a culture in which others can thrive.



Frequently Asked Questions

Aspire Scholarship Duration

Scholarships are awarded for one academic year only and are subject to a mid-year review by the Scholarship Committee. Scholarship recipients must reapply each year and are not guaranteed ongoing scholarship support.

Renewal is subject to the student's continued fulfilment of the scholarship expectations, application requirements, and the availability of scholarship places.

Aspire Scholarship Notification

Scholarship offers will be made by email on or before Thursday, 25 March 2027. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by email as soon as practicable following the completion of the scholarship offer process.

Who should we contact

For online application queries, please contact Enrolments:- enrolments@mc.nsw.edu.au

Withdrawal from MC

Applicants who are withdrawing from the College will be charged at full fee rate pro rata for the school year. The Scholarship discount will not be applied.

Scholarship Award Commitee

Scholarships are awarded by the Macquarie College Scholarship Award Committee, comprising the following members:

- Principal or Delegate
- Heads of School
- Assistant Head of School (AHOS-A)
- CAPA Coordinator
- Sport Coordinator

The Scholarship Award Committee is responsible for reviewing applications and determining scholarship recipients in accordance with the scholarship criteria and College priorities.

All decisions of the Committee are final.



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