

12 September 2019

Dear Students and Families

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS - 2020

To acknowledge our diverse student population and encourage excellence, the College will be offering a number of scholarships to students in Years 11 and 12. These are in addition to a number of scholarships offered by Mercy Education Limited and outside agencies.

Year 12 VCE Scholarships

The College is delighted to offer academic excellence scholarships to assist Year 12 students with their future endeavours. Each year, Year 12 students who achieve an ATAR ranking of 90 or above will receive a \$2,000 cash scholarship. The student who is Dux of the College will also receive an additional \$1,000 cash scholarship on top of the \$2,000 received for achieving an ATAR ranking of 90 or above. The scholarships are dependent on the achievement of an ATAR of 90 or above.

VCAL Scholarship

There will be a \$2,000 scholarship for one senior VCAL student. This scholarship will require an application process with a set of criteria to be completed. A College VCAL staff member will be required to provide the Scholarship Selection Committee with a confidential reference for the applicant. Details of the application process and criteria will be distributed in the near future.

Year 10 and Year 11 Scholarships

To further recognise the efforts of our students there will also be five scholarships of \$1,500 each offered for Year 10 students transitioning into Year 11. These scholarships will recognise students who have shown all round general excellence both in their academic and personal school life whilst at the College.

Criteria for these scholarships will be clearly articulated in the information for applicants. Please note the Year 10 into Year 11 scholarships can only be accepted by students who are committed to continuing their education at St Joseph's College.

These scholarships will be known as:

- Catherine McAuley Scholarship
- Anna Maria Doyle Scholarship
- Elizabeth Harley Scholarship
- Mary Vincent Whitty Scholarship
- Ursula Frayne Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee will decide the recipients of the Year 10 into Year 11 scholarships. The scholarship will be paid in two instalments of \$750 each at the end of Semester 1 and again at the end of Semester 2 in Year 11.

The Scholarship Panel will include the following members of the College

Mr Emmet Brown:	Director of Excellence
Mrs Courtney Hug:	Director of Students
Mr Tony Finn:	Deputy Principal, Community
Mr Greg Kluske:	Deputy Principal, Learning and Teaching

These scholarships are a great opportunity to recognise excellence and reward students for their achievements and something that the College is very happy and proud to facilitate.

Preamble

These scholarships will be presented annually to students who display a deep respect for, and application of, the Mercy Core Values of St Joseph's College. This will be evident in the manner in which the nominated students relate to others in terms of Hospitality, Compassion and Service through participation in activities, committees or projects which have a focus on improving the lives of those within and beyond the College.

The students who nominate will be expected to show how they have been active within the College in support of the Core values of Community and Justice. This can be shown through Homeroom and in the general community of the College. The applicants will be able to demonstrate the Core Value of Excellence in both academic and non-academic endeavours. This means that the students will be fully committed to their studies and thereby achieve their personal best academically. They will demonstrate respect for staff and fellow students within classes, encouraging and allowing others to pursue their own academic excellence.

An important element of the Mercy Scholarship is respect for the Core Value of Spirituality. This can be demonstrated through respectful participation in liturgies and other prayerful activities. Another element is the respect shown to Religious Education, by participation in individual class work and through the attitude within the class generally.

The Sisters of Mercy have established a wonderful and rich legacy within the Sunraysia community. These scholarships are designed to continue this tradition of encouraging educational excellence and personal integrity within the Catholic tradition of St Joseph's College. The Mercy Core Values remain an integral element in the future formation of students within the Mercy tradition.

Application Process Information

Prerequisite:

You must be committed to continuing your education at St Joseph's College.

Criteria:

The Scholarship Selection Committee will take into consideration:

- **Academic Excellence**
It is desirable that you are in top 20% of the Year 10 cohort as measured by report grades.
- **Leadership**
Any leadership positions you have held or applied for in the College.

- **Volunteering**
Any volunteering and/or charity work that you have participated in either within the College or outside the College.
- **Attendance**
That the applicant has an exemplary attendance record.
- **Conduct**
Exemplary behaviour and uniform.
- **Involvement in the school community**
The applicant can provide multiple examples of contributions they have made to the school community.
Any other aspects of school life as outlined in your application.
- **Awards Received**
Virtue Conquers, Student of the Term, Sporting Achievements etc.

Applicants will be required to write and submit a personal statement (up to 250 words) outlining why they believe they should be the recipient of the scholarship, with reference to the selection criteria. The personal statement gives you the opportunity to express yourself and give the selection panel a better understanding of who you are and what experience or motivation could be driving your application.

You may be required to attend an interview as part of the selection process.

St Joseph's College reserves the right not to award a scholarship if, in our opinion, no applicant is worthy of the award.

Ongoing Requirements

Recipients are requested to submit a letter explaining how the scholarship has assisted them. This letter must be submitted to the Principal, Mrs Marg Blythman, no later than October 1, of each year. Scholarship holders are expected to contribute to the St Joseph's College community, all awards are subject to satisfactory progress and annual review.

The College may terminate any scholarship at any time if, in our opinion, the terms of the award are not being met.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Marg Blythman
Principal



Mr Greg Kluske
Deputy Principal, Learning and Teaching