The Presbyterian and Methodist Schools Association (PMSA) is offering a limited number of opportunities for students currently in Years 10, 11 and 12 within [Brisbane Boys’ College](https://www.bbc.qld.edu.au/), [Clayfield College](http://www.clayfield.qld.edu.au/), [Somerville House](http://www.somerville.qld.edu.au/) and [Sunshine Coast Grammar School](http://www.scgs.qld.edu.au/) to participate in the Christian Mission, Service and Training Assistance Program.

The purpose of the assistance program is to:

* Provide an opportunity for students to serve God and grow in their Christian faith through engagement in a Christian Mission, Service or Training opportunity.
* To inspire other students to be actively involved in Christian Mission, Service and Training.

Christian Mission and Service assistance packages will be available with a maximum value of $1250. Christian Training assistance packages will be available with a maximum value of $400.

**ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible, an applicant must:

* Be a current Year 10,11 or 12 student of a PMSA school.
* Express a willingness to undertake involvement in a recognised Christian Mission, Service or Training Program during 2025. Recognised programs would be those offered by church and parachurch groups. These may include programs in Australia or overseas. The program will give opportunity for the applicant to serve God and others, using their God given gifts. The programs may involve training in preparation for ministry involvement in the school context. The applicant’s School Chaplain will give guidance as to whether the desired initiative is a suitable program or give suggestions of suitable programs. Though the application is an individual application, an applicant may wish to encourage their friends to apply.

**CRITERIA**

Applicants will be assessed on the following criteria:

1. Demonstration of active involvement in a Christian church, engagement in Christian faith, life and service, active involvement in their school's Christian ministry activities and modelling of the Christian ethos within their school.
2. Contribution to their PMSA school and demonstration of the PMSA values (Respect, Integrity, Care, Collaboration and Excellence).
3. Overall academic effort and suitability for the selected Christian Mission, Service or Training project.
4. Commitment to personal and spiritual growth and a willingness to serve God.

**CONDITIONS**

1. Christian Mission and Service assistance packages will be available with a maximum value of $1250. Christian Training assistance packages will be available with a maximum value of $400.
2. Any variation in enrolment from the recognised and approved Christian Mission, Service and Training Program must be approved by the student’s Chaplain, prior to any change, for eligibility to continue. Approval will be dependent upon evidence that the variation continues to meet the intention of the Program.
3. The contribution will be paid on evidence of acceptance into the Program.

**TIMELINE**

The timeline for the selection for the Christian Mission and Service Assistance Program for 2025 is as follows:

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| **24 March 2025** | **Program advertised** |
|  | Information will be disseminated in school newsletters and intranets, and via class and year level announcements.Application forms and information will be available on the PMSA and school websites. |
| **9 May 2025** | **Applications close** |
|  | Applications must be received by the PMSA by this date. |
| **Mid-May 2025** | **Selection interviews [if required]** |
|  | The Selection Panel (PMSA Christian Ministry Advocate and Chaplains) will consider the applications and may request to meet with applicants. |
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| **30 May 2025** | **Announcement of Students and Awards** |
|  | Successful applicants will be announced and may be invited to attend an award presentation within their school.  |

 **July 2025- Feb 2026 Report Submission**

Successful participants will submit a brief report to their Principal, Chaplain and the Christian Ministry Advocate following the completion of their Christian Mission, Service and Training Program.

 **APPLICATION FORM**

I ……………………………………………………………………………. wish to apply for the PMSA Christian Mission, Service and Training Assistance Program and confirm that to the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided in support of my application is accurate and true. I agree to the terms of the Program, and I have the support of my parent(s)/guardian in making this application.

I understand that the award of a Program is on a competitive basis and the decision of the PMSA is final. I authorise the PMSA to use the information provided in this application and to obtain further information regarding my application from my school if necessary.

………………………………….……………..……………………… Date ……….………………………

(Signature of applicant)

I/We, the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of the applicant endorse and support this application for the PMSA Christian Mission, Service and Training Assistance program.

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(Signature(s) of parent(s)/guardian(s))

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

Name: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Home address: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….……………………………………………..……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Email …………………………………………………………….…………………………………………………………….

Mobile: ...………………………………………….………….

Citizenship/ Residency status (please tick) Australian Citizen ☐ Permanent Resident ☐

PMSA school: ………………………………………………………………………………………

Years enrolled: .…..…………………………

**REQUIRED INFORMATION CHECKLIST**

Please attach the following documents and information:

* A brief statement (no more than 500 words) on how this Program would assist you in growing in your relationship with God and in using your God given gifts.
* Supporting statement from your school Principal/Headmaster.
* Supporting statement from your school chaplain and/or local pastor.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Forward your application (marked confidential) by **Friday 9 May 2025** to:

gcole@pmsa-schools.edu.au

**QUESTIONS?**

For more information, please contact your school’s Chaplain.