Frequently Asked Questions

2028 Academic Scholarships

The following information provides answers to some Frequently Asked Questions about our Academic Scholarship programme.

Who can apply for an Academic Scholarship?

In 2028, scholarships are to be offered to eligible students who are entering into Year 7, Year 9 and Year 11 for the College's Tarneit Campus and students who are entering into Year 7 and Year 9 for the Mambourin Campus. Students currently enrolled at Good News Lutheran College are eligible to apply. Students not enrolled at Good News Lutheran College but would like to apply and sit the scholarship examination, are also welcome to do so.

What is the process for applying for an Academic Scholarship?

The process essentially has two steps:

1. **Register and make payment online to the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER)** for the sitting of the Academic Examination by **Sunday 7 February 2027.**

2. Sit the ACER Academic Examination on the scheduled date **Saturday 27 February 2027.**

What level scholarship do I apply for online?

When completing the online application process, students must select the appropriate examination level for their year level. These are:

- Level 1 for students entering Year 7 (Tarneit or Mambourin Campus)
- Level 2 for students entering Year 9 (Tarneit or Mambourin Campus)
- Level 3 for students entering Year 11 (Tarneit Campus only)

How much is an Academic Scholarship valued at?

The scholarship value will be determined by the number of applicants each year, along with the results from the
ACER Academic Examination. A minimum 20% per annum will be offered (for a maximum of two (2) years), up to a maximum 50% per annum. The amount awarded is at the discretion of Good News Lutheran College and will be discussed during a formal interview with successful candidates, after the results of the ACER Academic Examination are known.

How many students receive scholarships each year?

The number of scholarships awarded each year is determined at the discretion of the College. The number may vary from year to year, depending on the number of eligible applicants and the outcome of the examination results.

Will I receive a copy of my child's results from the academic examination?

Yes, an overall assessment of where your child ranked in each of the curriculum areas assessed will be available via the ACER portal. This information will be solely for your child and does not include any details on the total group of students assessed.

How much does it cost to apply for the Academic Scholarship?

The cost of applying for the Academic Scholarship is $160 per student, per school application. This amount must be paid online to ACER, prior to the sitting of the Academic Examination. This amount is for the administration of the examination and is non-refundable.

Are there any other costs?

There are no other costs to apply for an Academic Scholarship. If a student, who is not currently enrolled at the College, receives an offer of scholarship, they are required to move through the normal application and enrolment procedures for Good News Lutheran College, including an enrolment Interview.

What does the academic examination consist of?

The ACER Academic Examination consists of two multiple choice tests:

- One in the area of Mathematics (as well as Science at Level 2 and 3)
- One in the area of Humanities
- There are also two English writing tasks to be completed

The combined set of tests typically run for 2 hours and 40 minutes, with a 20-minute break.

When does my child sit the academic examination?

All students who apply to take part in the ACER Academic Examination will sit the exam on the same day at Good News Lutheran College. For students applying for an Academic Scholarship for 2028**, the testing day will be held on Saturday 27 February 2027**. An email confirming details for testing day will be distributed closer to this date.