GOOD NEWS Lutheran College

Information for Applicants

2028 Academic Scholarships

An Academic Scholarship is a financial bursary awarded by the College to a student who is achieving significantly high and consistent results in their studies. To determine each individual student academic level, applicants will sit an examination which will provide data to the College, along with current school reports, as to the suitability of individuals to be offered an Academic Scholarship. The bursary is given to the student in the form of a discount on their annual tuition fees.

Academic Scholarships are available for students entering Years 7, 9 and 11 for the College's Tarneit Campus and students entering Years 7 and 9 for the Mambourin Campus. Academic Scholarships are open to all students, including those students already attending Good News Lutheran College and those not currently enrolled at the College, but wish to be.

The scholarships are awarded based on a competitive examination conducted by Good News Lutheran College, in conjunction with the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). Students should be able to demonstrate a high level of achievement in all major curriculum areas including English, Mathematics and the Humanities. They should also possess a high level of all round ability.

Students short-listed for a scholarship, after the initial ACER Academic Examination, will have an interview with a member of the College Executive Team.

The College may take a family's financial situation into account and parents in this situation should flag this on the initial Application Form to the College. Scholarship values vary from 20% to 50% reduction of the annual tuition fees and offer remission on these fees for a period of up to two (2) years, provided the student adheres to the Academic Scholarship conditions.

All scholarships are reviewed annually and the continuation of an award is dependent on the scholarship holder's performance, academic effort, behaviour, participation and contribution to the overall life of the College, as outlined in the scholarship contract. All Academic Scholarships are valid for a maximum of two (2) years. Students who receive an Academic Scholarship in Year 7 or Year 9 are eligible to re-apply in Year 9 and / or Year 11.

The process to apply for an Academic Examination for scholarship consideration is as follows:

1. Register online for the ACER Academic Examination, at https://scholarships.acer.org/intro/3667 Payment of $160 to sit the examination must be made online, at the time of registration. **ACER Registration closes on Sunday 7 February 2027.**

2. Sit the examination at Good News Lutheran College on **Saturday 27 February 2027**. Candidates must be at the College by 8:20am. Closer to this date, an email detailing the venue and requirements will be sent to the applicant.

3. Students will be notified whether they will be required for the interview stage.

4. Student applicant and a parent/guardian attends an interview with a member of the College Executive Team.

5. Offers of Academic Scholarship are made in writing.

6. Acceptance by parents and students of the Terms and Conditions of being awarded an Academic Scholarship are made by each party signing a Scholarship Contract.

Academic Scholarships will be awarded primarily based on the ACER Scholarship Examination results. The final decision of awarding of scholarships rests with the College.

Students who are awarded a Scholarship are required to have an interview at the College. Students not currently enrolled at the College will also be subject to usual Enrolment Procedures. An Application for Enrolment can be completed online via the College's website at Apply at Good News Lutheran College ensuring to select the campus of interest.

Students awarded a scholarship will be subject to an interim review at the end of each term and at the end of the first year and then more formal reviews, as required. Subsequent renewal of the scholarship is subject to the satisfactory review of a student's academic application, effort, attitude, behaviour and involvement in wider College life.

For any queries, please contact the Admissions Office on 03 8742 9000 (then select [4]) or email admissions@goodnews.vic.edu.au