

Scholarships Handbook

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Our Scholarships Program

An extension of our commitment to providing affordable and attainable high-quality Anglican education, our Scholarships Program facilitates both financial assistance and in-kind support for students and families to enable access to the full breadth of academic and extra-curricular opportunities on offer at Investigator College.

From recognising and rewarding academic achievement to encouraging future leaders, pioneers and innovators, our Scholarships Program is extensive, offering opportunities to a broad cross-section of both new and existing students.

Across all facets of life and learning, Investigator College seeks to recognise, encourage and promote excellence and aspiration - supporting students and their families as they begin, or continue, their learning journey with us.

Through our Scholarships Program, we offer a range of opportunities for students to receive recognition for their skills, talents, abilities and efforts, and an avenue for accessing assistance to ensure they are able to continue their educational and extra-curricular endeavours at Investigator College.

We invite all students continuing or commencing their education in Years 5 - 12 at Investigator College to consider applying for consideration through our Scholarships Program.

Scholarship Categories

Investigator College offers Scholarships in three categories:

- **New Students**
- **Current Students**
- **General Scholarships**

There are multiple scholarships available in each category. Awarding of each type of scholarship is governed by the relevant Selection Criteria.

Who Can Apply?

Our Scholarships Program is open to all school-aged children from Year 5 to Year 12.

Students who are not currently enrolled or attending Investigator College may apply for either New Student or General Scholarships.

Students who are currently enrolled at Investigator College may apply for either Current Student or General Scholarships.

Available Scholarships

The total number, value and range of the scholarship opportunities available vary on an annual basis.

Investigator College endeavours to offer the broadest possible range of scholarship opportunities in any given year, subject to the total amount of financial support available in that particular year.



Preparing A Scholarship Application

All Scholarship Applications at Investigator College are managed through an online application system. To prepare a scholarship application, applicants are encouraged to follow the steps and recommendations outlined below.

Review Available Scholarships

Investigator College offers a number of scholarships, many of which may be applicable to an individual student. Before beginning to prepare an application, it is a good idea to review all the scholarships available and note any that may be of interest.

Applicants are able to apply for multiple scholarships with one application, so it is advisable to apply for all of the relevant scholarships at the time of submitting an application.

Note The Selection Criteria

Each scholarship requires the applicant to address specific selection criteria. It is advisable to note these and use them as a checklist when prepping your application.

Prepare Documents and Evidence

When completing an application, it is an expectation that documentation, or evidence, to support the Selection Criteria is attached.

Before commencing an application, it is recommended that each applicant ensures they have gathered together any relevant evidence that they feel will help to strengthen their application.

Common types of evidence include:

- School Reports (2 Years)
- NAPLAN Reports
- Certificates/Awards
- Trophies
- Letters
- Newspaper/Media Articles
- Personal References
- Letters of Recommendation

It is advisable to ensure that any evidence to be attached to the application is in digital form.

Obtain Personal References or Letters of Recommendation

When applying for some scholarships, a personal reference or letter of recommendation is expected as part of the application.

It is advisable to seek these from relevant people well ahead of time, and to ensure that they address a specific component of the application. For example, applicants interested in applying for a Sports and Co-Curricular Scholarship may seek a reference from a coach or official from their local sports club, while an applicant interested in applying for a Performing Arts Scholarship might prefer a reference from an instrumental tutor or instructor.

Multiple references or recommendations may help to strengthen an application, especially if electing to apply for multiple types of scholarship.

Prepare Personal Statements

Most scholarships offered at Investigator College will require the applicant to provide a Personal Statement reflecting on their motivation, experience and success in a given area.

As a general rule, Personal Statements will be limited to a 200 word maximum and will directly relate to the nature of the scholarship. For example, an applicant applying for a Performing Arts Scholarship will be asked to provide a Personal Statement reflecting on their engagement within their chosen artforms.

When preparing to complete a Scholarship Application, it is highly recommended that applicants have a personal statement (for each type of scholarship they are interested in applying for) written in advance.

Keeping these Personal Statements in a digital document will allow the applicant to simply cut and paste their responses into the Online Application Form.

Observe Closing Dates and Submission Deadlines

Each year our Scholarships Program is governed by a fixed closing date. Scholarship Applications must be received by this date.

It is important to ensure that applicants prepare their application, collect evidence and compose Personal Statements well before the closing date, and advisable that the application is submitted well before the deadline.





Available Scholarships

Investigator College offers a range of scholarships recognising and rewarding outstanding effort and achievement both inside the classroom and across our teaching and learning community.

New scholarships are awarded annually, with opportunities for both current Investigator College students and students interested in pursuing education at Investigator College in the forthcoming year.



North Star Scholarships

New Students • Year 7

Guiding avid early explorers as they embarked on exciting new voyages, our North Star Scholarships recognise excellence in Academic Performance, Sports, Co-Curricular Endeavour and Performing Arts. Available to students seeking to commence at Investigator College in Year 7, North Star Scholarships are awarded at the beginning of a new phase of the learning journey, as students make the transition from Primary or Junior School into Secondary education.

Scholarship Recipients

North Star Scholarships are available to new students who are seeking to commence at Investigator College in Year 7.

The recipients of our North Star Scholarships are recognised for their ability to shine in a given area and their willingness to consistently apply themselves to others. They serve as an inspiration and an encouragement to their peers, approaching the new and unknown with courage and resilience.

Entitlement

North Star Scholarships entitle the recipient to a special remission on annual tuition fees, up to a maximum of 25%.

Selection Criteria

To apply for consideration for a North Star Scholarship, applicants will be required to address the following selection criteria:

- Evidence of excellence or exemplary effort in academic studies.
- Evidence of strong participation and/or leadership in a given extra-curricular, sports or co-curricular activity.
- Demonstration, with examples, of a willingness to engage with new opportunities, learn new skills and/or participate in new experiences.

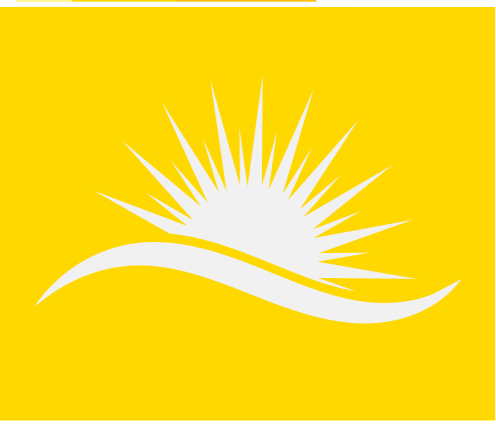
References and Recommendations

In addition to addressing the selection criteria, it is expected that applicants for our North Star Scholarship will attach:

- a personal reference or recommendation from a relevant community representative to support their application.

Applications

Applications for North Star Scholarships can be made through the Investigator College Online Application System.



Future Horizons Scholarships

New Students • Year 5 & Year 6

At Investigator, our focus is forever on the horizon - guiding, shaping and unlocking the potential of future generations. Our Future Horizons Scholarships recognise the potential of new students seeking to commence at Investigator College in either Year 5 or Year 6, with a focus on academic excellence and aptitude for leadership both inside the classroom and in extracurricular pursuits outside of formal study.

Scholarship Recipients

Future Horizons Scholarships are available to new students who are seeking to commence at Investigator College in either Year 5 or Year 6.

The recipients of our Future Horizons Scholarships are recognised for their potential, both as students and as leaders within the community.

Entitlement

North Star Scholarships entitle the recipient to a special remission on annual tuition fees, up to a maximum of 20%.

Selection Criteria

To apply for consideration for a Future Horizons Scholarship, applicants will be required to address the following selection criteria:

- Evidence of excellence or exemplary effort in academic studies across two or more subject areas.
- Evidence of strong participation in extra-curricular, sports or co-curricular activities.
- Demonstration, with examples, of active participation in student or other leadership roles.

References and Recommendations

In addition to addressing the selection criteria, it is expected that applicants for our Future Horizons Scholarship will attach:

- a personal reference or recommendation from a relevant community representative to support their application.

Applications

Applications for Future Horizons Scholarships can be made through the Investigator College Online Application System.



Spirit of Investigator Scholarships

Current Students • Year 5 & Year 6

Just as Matthew Flinders launched his expedition to circumnavigate Australia in 1802, our Spirit of Investigator Scholarships recognise exceptional students as they embark on the next phase of their educational journey and prepare to join our exciting Middle School.

Scholarship Recipients

Spirit of Investigator Scholarships are available to current students as they begin Year 5 or Year 6 at Investigator College.

The recipients of our Spirit of Investigator Scholarships are recognised for their ability to shine in a given area, their willingness to consistently apply themselves in a number of different contexts across our Investigator College Community, and their willingness to explore new skills and experiences.

Entitlement

Spirit of Investigator Scholarships entitle the recipient to a special remission on annual tuition fees, up to a maximum of 20%.

Selection Criteria

To apply for consideration for a Spirit of Investigator Scholarship, applicants will be required to address the following selection criteria:

- **Evidence of excellence or exemplary effort in academic studies across two or more subject areas.**
- **Evidence of strong participation in extra-curricular, sports or co-curricular activities.**
- **Demonstration, with examples, of service to either our college or local community.**

References and Recommendations

In addition to addressing the selection criteria, it is expected that applicants for our Spirit of Investigator Scholarships will attach:

- **a personal reference or recommendation from a relevant community representative to support their application.**

Applications

Applications for Spirit of Investigator Scholarships can be made through the Investigator College Online Application System.



Mirrabooka (Star of the Southern Cross) Scholarships

Current Students • Year 7 - Year 12

As early explorers set their course by the stars, education at Investigator prepares and equips students to set their course in life - navigating toward bright and exciting futures. Our Mirrabooka (Star of the Southern Cross) Scholarships are available to current students as they continue their education through our Middle and Senior School, recognising individuals who demonstrate aptitude for academic study alongside exceptional commitment to acts of service and leadership.

Scholarship Recipients

Mirrabooka Scholarships are available to current students as they continue their education across our Middle and Senior Schools (Years 7 - 12).

The recipients of our Mirrabooka Scholarships are recognised for their outstanding academic performance, commitment to community service, and willingness to undertake positions of leadership both within the classroom and beyond.

Entitlement

Mirrabooka Scholarships entitle the recipient to a special remission on annual tuition fees, up to a maximum of 25%.

Selection Criteria

To apply for consideration for a Mirrabooka Scholarship, applicants will be required to address the following selection criteria:

- Evidence of excellence or exemplary effort in academic studies across three or more subject areas.
- Evidence of strong participation in extra-curricular, sports or co-curricular activities.
- Demonstration, with examples, of active participation in student or other leadership roles.
- Demonstration, with examples, of service to either our college or local community.

References and Recommendations

In addition to addressing the selection criteria, it is expected that applicants for our Mirrabooka Scholarship will attach:

- a personal reference or recommendation from a relevant community representative to support their application.

Applications

Applications for Mirrabooka Scholarships can be made through the Investigator College Online Application System.



Academic Excellence Scholarships

New & Current Students • Year 7 - Year 12

Affirming our commitment to the pursuit of excellence, Investigator College is proud to offer scholarships that recognise and reward effort and outstanding results in academic study. Our Academic Excellence Scholarships are open to both new and current students from Year 7 – Year 12.

Scholarship Recipients

Academic Excellence Scholarships are available to both new and current students as they commence or continue their education through our Middle and Senior Schools (Year 7 – Year 12).

The recipients of our Academic Excellence Scholarships are recognised for their exceptional effort, diligence and achievement in their academic studies.

Entitlement

Academic Excellence Scholarships entitle the recipient to a special remission on annual tuition fees, up to a maximum of 20%.

Selection Criteria

To apply for consideration for an Academic Excellence Scholarship, applicants will be required to address the following selection criteria:

- Evidence of excellence or exemplary effort in academic studies across three or more subject areas.
- Evidence of strong effort and academic endeavour in remaining subject areas.
- A commitment to maintaining an outstanding standard with regard to their future academic studies and academic results.

References and Recommendations

Applicants for our Academic Excellence Scholarships are not required to attach any additional personal references or recommendations, however they may choose to do so in order to strengthen their application.

Applications

Applications for Academic Excellence Scholarships can be made through the Investigator College Online Application System,



Sports & Co-Curricular Scholarships

New & Current Students • Year 7 - Year 12

Investigator College takes great pride in our commitment to supporting the physical, social, emotional, psychological and spiritual needs of each learner at Investigator College. Our Sports and Co-Curricular Scholarships are open to both new and current students from Year 7 – Year 12, and recognise student effort in areas beyond the classroom, including excellence or achievement in sport, athletics or other extra-curricular activities.

Scholarship Recipients

Sports and Co-Curricular Scholarships are available to both new and current students as they commence or continue their education through our Middle and Senior Schools (Year 7 – Year 12).

The recipients of our Sports and Co-Curricular Scholarships are recognised for their exceptional effort or achievement in sports, athletics or other extra-curricular activities.

Entitlement

Sports and Co-Curricular Scholarships entitle the recipient to a special remission on annual tuition fees, up to a maximum of 20%.

Selection Criteria

To apply for consideration for a Sports and Co-Curricular Scholarship, applicants will be required to address the following selection criteria:

- Evidence of consistent effort in academic studies.
- Evidence of outstanding achievement or success in one or more sports, athletic events or extra-curricular activities over the past two (2) years.
- A commitment to continuing to pursue opportunities to compete and achieve in their nominated sport, athletic event or extra-curricular activity in the future.

References and Recommendations

In addition to addressing the selection criteria, it is expected that applicants for our Sports and Co-Curricular Scholarships will attach:

- a personal reference or recommendation from a coach, teacher, school leader, or relevant community representative to support their application.

Applications

Applications for Sports and Co-Curricular Scholarships can be made through the Investigator College Online Application System, available via the web address below.



Performing Arts Scholarships

New & Current Students • Year 7 - Year 12

At Investigator College, we value creativity and encourage the development of skills, talents and abilities in artistic disciplines including music, dance and theatre. Open to both new and current students from Year 7 – Year 12, our Performing Arts Scholarships recognise and reward student effort in music, dance, theatre or dramatic art forms, and aim to encourage the continual growth of our Performing Arts program.

Scholarship Recipients

Performing Arts Scholarships are available to both new and current students as they commence or continue their education through our Middle and Senior Schools (Year 7 – Year 12).

The recipients of our Performing Arts Scholarships are recognised for their exceptional effort, talent or achievement in music, dance, acting or theatrical arts.

Entitlement

Performing Arts Scholarships entitle the recipient to a special remission on annual tuition fees, up to a maximum of 20%.

Selection Criteria

To apply for consideration for a Performing Arts Scholarship, applicants will be required to address the following selection criteria:

- Evidence of consistent effort in academic studies.
- Evidence of outstanding achievement, talent or success in one or more performing arts disciplines over the past two (2) years.
- A commitment to continuing to pursue opportunities to compete and achieve in their nominated performing art(s) in the future.

References and Recommendations

In addition to addressing the selection criteria, it is expected that applicants for our Performing Arts Scholarships will attach:

- a personal reference or recommendation from a relevant community representative to support their application.

Applications

Applications for Performing Arts Scholarships can be made through the Investigator College Online Application System, available via the web address below.



How To Apply

To apply for one or more scholarships at Investigator College, all applicants must submit an application through our Online Application System. Multiple scholarships can be applied for on a single application.

Preparation

Prior to commencing their online application, applicants are encouraged to ensure they have familiarised themselves with the advice provided in 'Preparing A Scholarship Application' (P. 3-4) and ensure they have all of the relevant documents, evidence and statements at hand.

Documents and evidence may include:

- School Reports (2 Years)
- NAPLAN Reports
- Certificates/Awards
- Trophies
- Letters
- Newspaper/Media Articles
- Personal References
- Letters of Recommendation

Accessing Our Online Application System

Once ready to begin your Scholarship Application, please visit our Online Application System to commence your application.

Our Application System can be accessed by scanning the QR code below, or by visiting:

➤ <https://investigator.sa.edu.au/scholarship-application>

Completing Your Application

As an extra security measure for data submitted via our Online Application System, applications must be completed in a single session.

After commencing an application, please progress through each section of the Scholarship Application Form, completing all required fields and attaching any documents as prompted, before proceeding to 'Submit'.

Applications must be received no later than 5:00pm (ACST) on the advertised closing date.





Awarding of Scholarships

All scholarship applications are subject to a standardised review process, which aims to promote an opportunity for all applicants to receive fair and equitable consideration in their application for any given type of scholarship.

Review & Shortlisting

Following the closure of scholarship applications, all Scholarship Applications are thoroughly reviewed and evaluated against the relevant Selection Criteria.

This review is conducted by members of our Senior Leadership Team or members of our teaching and learning staff most relevant to the type of scholarship being applied for.

During this review, applications in any given year are evaluated against both the relevant Selection Criteria and the strength of the other applications for that particular scholarship type received in that year.

The outcome of this review produces a shortlist of applicants for each scholarship type.

Interviews

Following the initial review, shortlisted applicants are invited to attend an interview at Investigator College.

Interviews are conducted during school hours and are facilitated by a member of our Senior Leadership Team.

During the interview, applicants will be invited to respond verbally to a short series of questions. These responses are recorded and are used in conjunction with the written responses and evidence provided as part of their initial application to make final decisions on the awarding of scholarships.

Communication

Throughout the process, applicants will be informed:

- when a determination is made as to whether they are successful or unsuccessful in proceeding to the shortlist for their chosen scholarship;

- when a determination is made as to whether they are successful or unsuccessful in obtaining a scholarship.

Determinations and decisions are final and no correspondence, including requests for feedback beyond the communication provided, will be entered into.

Awarding

Successful applicants will be presented with a Letter of Offer and a Scholarship Agreement.

The Scholarship Agreement will outline:

- the value of the scholarship;
- its duration;
- any additional conditions or expectations to be met/maintained by the recipient.


The Scholarship Agreement must be signed by all relevant parties and returned before the scholarship is officially awarded to the recipient.

Further Information

For further information about our Scholarships Program, please contact:

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