



GERALDTON
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Scholarship Policy

VISION STATEMENT

GERALDTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE OUTSTANDING EDUCATION AND A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY, CULTIVATING PEOPLE OF INTEGRITY, INDEPENDENCE OF MIND AND A LOVE OF LEARNING.

Introduction	This statement outlines the Geraldton Grammar School policy on the process and allocation of scholarships to students.
Scope and application	Policy applies to all current and prospective students and families of Geraldton Grammar School
Related legislation and guidelines	
Related Policies	Enrolment Policy
Evaluation	Biennial

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SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

1. Geraldton Grammar School offers Academic Scholarships to students from years 7 – 12 dependent on positions available (vacancies) on an annual basis. Notice of this will be advertised through the newsletter during term 1 each year, on the school's website and through local media outlets.
2. The scholarships are awarded as follows:
Years available for sitting are years 6 – 11.

The Principal of the Geraldton Grammar School invites applications for students:
• entering years 7 or 8 (the Academic Scholarship is for remission of half the tuition fees for years 7, 8 and 9 if a year 6 student is successful or for years 8 and 9 if a year 7 student is successful)
• entering year 9 (the Academic Scholarship is for remission of half the tuition fees for years 9 and 10)
• entering years 10 or 11 or 12 (the Academic Scholarship is for remission of half the tuition fees for years 10, 11 and 12 if a year 9 student is successful or for years 11 and 12 if a year 10 student is successful)

Selection will be on the basis of examination results and an interview.

3. The testing process used is the ACER Cooperative Student Testing Program or another similar program as selected by the Principal.
4. Academic scholarships are awarded on the following merit:
50% tuition fees are awarded to the top student/s in each band who achieves a total standardised score of 185+.
5. The retention of the scholarship is conditional on but not limited to:
 - a good academic standards being maintained;
 - total support for the ethos and expectations of the School; and
 - an active level of participation in the life of the School, both curricular and co-curricular.These are monitored at the end of each semester by the Head of Secondary School with recommendations to the Principal. The Principal or his/her delegate will communicate issues to parent/guardian if required.
6. Upon completion of each scholarship there will be a review by the Principal and the subsequent decision to extend his/her scholarship will be premised upon a formal interview and an assessment of performance.
7. Scholarships refer to the annual **tuition fees only** and exclude other levies and fees payable by all students, (including registration fees, endowment, technology levy, building levy, subject levies, extra excursions and camps, textbooks and uniforms).

- Scholarships are open to students seeking a position at the school, or to existing students of the school. This occurs through the following:

ACER Scholarship Examination

This group examination session is normally conducted in term 2 on a designated Saturday at the school and is conducted by ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) via the completion of the respective application form and payment of associated fee.

All students from years 6 – 12 are eligible to register their name for the examination that comprises independently written papers including Grammar, Writing, Humanities, Mathematics and Science. Completed assessments are then forwarded to ACER for marking. A report to the student and the school will be forwarded by ACER within 4 to 6 weeks of the assessment date.

- Once the successful students have been chosen there is an interview (this can be waived for a current student.) The student and parent sign a contract, a copy of which follows.
- There could be opportunities for media coverage in which the students would be expected to participate.
- The Scholarship Testing Day is administered by the Deputy Principal in consultation with the Principal.

Alternative Scholarship Examination

- The Deputy Principal, under direction of the Principal, may offer an alternative scholarship testing date after the ACER Scholarship examination. The timing is organised in negotiation with the Deputy Principal.

Special Ability Scholarship (Co-curricular)

Geraldton Grammar School may also offer a Special Ability Scholarship for students in any year level from year 7 through to year 12. These Scholarships may be awarded to a student/s who possesses special co-curricular (e.g. art, music, drama or sporting) talents. They may be awarded based on a student's achievements and his/her perceived potential, however, the applicant needs to have reached a high standard of achievement (National recognition) to be eligible.

To enable a comparison of students across a vast range of abilities, we ask parents to write a letter of application addressed to the Principal and include a copy of their son/daughter's latest school report, a résumé outlining their son/daughter's abilities and achievements and include copies of any awards, references, certificates etc that may be relevant.

Special Ability Scholarships are tenable for the duration of a student's enrolment at the School providing the student maintains a satisfactory level of behaviour and academic endeavour and is involved, according to his/her interests and skills, in the co-curricular life of the School. Students awarded Special Ability Scholarships will have their Scholarship reviewed by the Principal should satisfactory levels of co-curricular participation and/or satisfactory levels of academic endeavour not be maintained.

Applicants for a Special Ability Scholarship are not required to sit the ACER examination unless specifically requested.

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRACT

It is a pleasure to offer «**FIRST_NAME**» «**SURNAME**» this scholarship and I congratulate «**FIRST_NAME**» on «**HIS_HER**» achievements to date.

«**FIRST_NAME**» «**SURNAME**» accepts/does not accept the scholarship for fifty percent (50%) remission of tuition fees in years «**ACADEMIC_YEAR**» in «**SCHOLARShip_YEAR**».

The retention of the scholarship is conditional on but not limited to:

- a good academic standards being maintained;
- total support for the ethos and expectations of the School; and
- an active level of participation in the life of the School, both curricular and co-curricular.

These are monitored at the end of each semester.

Upon completion of the scholarship there will be review by the Principal and the subsequent decision to extend «**FIRST_NAME**»'s scholarship will be premised upon a formal interview and an assessment of performance.

Principal's signature:	Date:
Student's signature:	Date:
Parent/Guardian:	Date:

Note: A copy of this contract is placed in the student file and with the Finance Department.