



SHORE

2026 Boarding Bursaries

Information Guide



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Helping Heads, Hearts and Souls Flourish

Shore has a long tradition of offering Boarding bursaries to students who demonstrate potential to contribute, engage, and thrive across all aspects of school life.

Each year, a range of Boarding Bursaries are available to boys entering Years 7 to 11 and are designed to support families who value the exceptional opportunities of a Boarding education. Bursary recipients are expected to make academic progress in line with their abilities and to participate actively in both academic and co-curricular programmes of the School. Broader qualities are also considered, such as character, curiosity, leadership, service, and a willingness to contribute to the life of the School.

Each bursary offered is open to Australian citizens. All Boarding bursaries are subject to means testing. Financial need will determine the size of the bursary offered.

If you believe your son would flourish in Shore's learning environment, you are warmly encouraged to apply.

Means-Tested Boarding Bursaries

Shore is committed to fostering equitable access to education through the provision of means-tested bursaries. Means-tested bursaries provide financial assistance to families who demonstrate genuine need.

How It Works

The level of tuition or Boarding fee discount awarded through the bursary programme is determined by a confidential means test assessment. The assessment evaluates the financial circumstances of the applicant's family to ensure support is allocated fairly and equitably. The School's Scholarship Committee determines the level of financial assistance provided.

What to Expect

If a candidate is shortlisted for a means-tested bursary, their parents/guardians will be required to submit a Confidential Statement of Financial Circumstances together with CPA or JP certified tax returns for three years and a statement of assets and liabilities to the Director Finance. This information will be kept strictly confidential and used solely to determine the level of financial assistance to be offered.

Required Means-Test Documentation

To complete the assessment, families will be asked to provide detailed financial information as specified below.

Required documentation for means-tested scholarships and bursaries	
Proof of income	Assets and liabilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Most recent payslips for both parents/guardians	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Summary of property ownership and mortgage details
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Proof of Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bank account and investment statements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Latest ATO Notice of Assessment (CPA or JP certified)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Superannuation balances
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Centrelink statement (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Details of outstanding loans and credit card debts
Household expenditure	Additional information
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Utility bills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Any other relevant details that may impact your financial situation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">School fees for other children (if applicable)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Medical and other significant expenses	

All financial data submitted will be handled with the utmost confidentiality and in accordance with applicable privacy legislation.

2026 Boarding Bursary Types

Shore offers scholarships for external candidates in the categories listed below.

Please note that bursary funds may be allocated across several students, with each student receiving a share of the total bursary amount.

Bursary	Maximum Discount Amount	Generously funded by	Student		Conditions/Inclusions
			Boarding	Day	
Blaxland	100% Boarding fees	Shore Foundation and Bequest	✓	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All-round achiever• Student's hometown must be outside the Sydney metro area
Hardwick Family	50% Boarding or tuition fees	Shore Foundation	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student must be a child or grandchild of a Shore Old Boy
J Fairchild	75% Tuition fees	Shore Foundation	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community contribution

Note

Students can only hold one scholarship or bursary at a time. Scholarships/bursaries cannot be added or combined to existing or other scholarships/bursaries. Receiving a bursary does not affect the student's eligibility for any sibling discount that may apply. Fees, such as the Acceptance and Confirmation Fees, uniforms, compulsory and optional camps, and resource and technology levies, are not included in a scholarship or bursary.

Eligibility Criteria

Demonstrated Effort and Conduct

Students awarded a Boarding bursary are expected to consistently demonstrate effort in all co-curricular activities, positive learning behaviours, and alignment with the School's values. This includes:

- Consistent academic results and well-developed organisational and executive functioning skills
- Demonstrated capability across multiple disciplines
- Active and enthusiastic participation in both academic and co-curricular programmes
- Reliable and consistent study habits
- Effective management of academic and co-curricular responsibilities alongside scholarship expectations
- A willingness to take on leadership roles within the School community and participate in school-related activities
- A clear commitment to upholding the School's core values
- Meaningful involvement in School life through areas such as Music, Drama, Sport, or other co-curricular activities
- A consistent record of engagement and contribution across all areas of School life.

Boarding Bursaries – Suitability to Boarding

For Boarding bursaries, a student's suitability to Boarding is also evaluated, including:

- Independence and resilience – managing daily routines, coping with homesickness, and adaptability to communal living
- Maturity and responsibility – the ability to manage academic and personal responsibilities
- Social skills: building positive relationships with peers and staff in a shared environment.

How to Apply

To apply for a Boarding bursary, candidates are required to complete the online application form available on the School's website. We encourage families to read the eligibility criteria and means test requirements carefully before applying. Please ensure all required documentation is submitted by the specified closing date.

Boarding Bursary Application Requirements

To be considered for a Boarding bursary, applicants must submit the required documentation as set out below.

- Submit an online Shore scholarship application form available on the School's website
- The student's two most recent school reports and latest NAPLAN results
- A recent photograph of the student
- A brief personal introduction written by the student
- If applicable, full reports from any cognitive or ability assessments (e.g. WISC, WIAT, AGAT, WPPSI). Please note: Stanford Binet assessments are not accepted
- Any relevant diagnostic or specialist reports
- A summary of individual achievements and accreditations, including copies of certificates (submitted as a single PDF)
- Evidence of participation in academic enrichment activities, such as ICAS, Maths Olympiad, or the Da Vinci Decathlon

Scholarship Process and Expectations

Interview Process

Boarding Bursary Interviews

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a friendly and informal interview with the Deputy Head Academic, Director of Boarding and members of the Scholarship Committee. This is a chance for students to share their interests, goals, and what they enjoy about learning and school life. We are looking for boys who are motivated, engaged, and ready to make the most of the opportunities at Shore.

Boarding Bursary Offers

The bursary is awarded based on the overall quality of the application, including the applicant's performance during the interview. The level of discount of the bursary will be dependent on the means testing. Successful candidates will be notified of the outcome approximately two weeks after their interview or audition. If successful:

- Families will receive a phone call followed by a formal written offer
- Offers must be accepted online within ten days
- A separate Enrolment Offer will confirm the student's start date and year group
- Families will be asked to sign and return the Acceptance of Scholarship and pay the Acceptance and Enrolment Confirmation Fees.

Please note: Bursaries are awarded based on the best fit for the School community and relevant cohort.

Expectations of Bursary Recipients

We value students who are not only capable learners but also kind, respectful, and willing to give their best. Bursary recipients are expected to:

- Maintain consistent academic effort and progress
- Attend School regularly and punctually
- Participate in School life, including sport, outdoor education, and co-curricular activities
- Represent the School when asked and act as a positive role model
- Embrace Shore's values and contribute to the community with integrity and enthusiasm.

Bursary Conditions

Bursaries are reviewed twice a year to ensure students are meeting expectations:

- Families agree to keep bursary details confidential
- Fee payments must be kept up to date
- If a student is experiencing difficulty, support is readily available, and early intervention is strongly encouraged. The bursary is subject to annual review and may be withdrawn if the recipient fails to meet the required standards
- Recipients are required to participate in School activities and represent the School in a positive manner
- The bursary is non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash
- The School reserves the right to amend the terms and conditions of the bursary at any time.

Bursaries may be adjusted or withdrawn if expectations are not met.

Ongoing Review

Bursaries are reviewed twice a year, and an online meeting is held once per year to ensure students are progressing well. Meetings and interviews are conducted by the Deputy Head Academic, Director of Boarding, MIC Scholarships and other members of the scholarship panel. Families will be part of the online meeting and informed of any concerns, which may include:

- A formal review meeting if progress is unsatisfactory
- Suggestions for improvement.

Support strategies such as Study Centre attendance or goal setting may be recommended. If a student enters scholarship or bursary review, this status remains in place for the duration of their enrolment.

Disclaimer

All scholarships and bursaries are awarded, varied, or withdrawn at the discretion of the Headmaster.

Further information

Contact our helpful Admissions Team at registrars@shore.nsw.edu.au.