



SHORE

## **2027 Scholarships and Bursaries**

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## Academic, All-Round Achiever, Music and Indigenous Scholarships Boarding Bursaries

### Helping heads, hearts and souls flourish

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

Each year, a range of Academic, Music and Indigenous Scholarships, and Boarding Bursaries are offered, which generally provide a discount off school or Boarding fees. Scholarship and bursary recipients are expected to make academic progress in line with their abilities and to participate actively in both academic and co-curricular programs of the School.

Each scholarship or bursary offered is open to Australian citizens. All scholarships and bursaries are subject to means testing, with demonstrated need determining the size of the bursary or scholarship offered.

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

### Means-Tested Scholarships and Bursaries

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

### Scholarship and bursary overview

- **Academic Scholarships** support boys entering Year 7 who demonstrate outstanding academic potential and a genuine enthusiasm for learning. Applicants must sit the [ACER Scholarship exam](#) as part of the selection process.
- **Music Scholarships** recognise boys entering Year 7 who demonstrate exceptional musical ability, a strong commitment to their musical development, and a genuine passion for performance. Shortlisted applicants will be invited for a live audition as part of the selection process.
- **All-Rounder Scholarships** celebrates students who demonstrate a balanced and consistent commitment to academic achievement, co-curricular involvement, leadership, and community engagement. Designed to support individuals who embody the values of holistic education and contribute positively to their school and wider community. This scholarship encourages well-rounded students to continue striving for excellence and achievement across multiple domains. Applicants must sit the [ACER Scholarship exam](#) as part of the selection process.
- **Boarding Bursaries** assist boys entering Year 7 to Year 11 who would benefit from the opportunities of a Boarding education but may require financial assistance. These bursaries are intended to support families by providing a discount off Boarding fees, helping to make a quality education more accessible. Applications may be considered throughout the year on a case-by-case basis, subject to availability.
- **AIEF Scholarships** offered in partnership with the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF), support Indigenous students entering Year 7 who show academic and leadership potential, personal motivation, and a commitment to making the most of educational opportunities. These Boarding-only scholarships provide financial assistance to enable access to a high-quality Boarding education. Applications for AIEF Scholarships are accepted and considered throughout the year, subject to availability of places.

Broader qualities are also considered, such as character, curiosity, leadership, service, and a willingness to contribute to the life of the School.

## Determining financial assistance

The level of tuition fee discount awarded through the scholarship and bursary program 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 level of financial assistance provided is determined by the school's scholarship committee.

For AIEF Scholarships, financial circumstances are assessed through the AIEF application form. This process is managed in partnership with the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation to ensure support is allocated appropriately and in line with AIEF guidelines.

## Confidential financial assessment process

**If a candidate is shortlisted** for a means-tested scholarship or 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 & liabilities to the Director of Business & Finance. This information is kept strictly confidential and used solely for the purpose of determining the level of financial assistance to be offered.

Families should be prepared to provide this documentation promptly after being notified of shortlisting, to ensure it is received prior to interview.

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

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

## Scholarship and Bursary Types

Shore offers scholarships and bursaries for external applicants in the categories listed below. Please note:

- Applicants for Academic and All-Rounder Scholarships must sit the ACER Scholarship exam as part of the selection process.
- Music scholarships
- Boarding bursaries are available to families who live outside of the [County of Cumberland](#).
- Scholarship types and discounts available vary from year to year.
- Funds made available for scholarships and bursaries may be distributed among multiple students, with each student receiving a portion of the total funds available.

SCHOLARSHIP TYPES					
<i>Applicants must sit the ACER Scholarship exam as part of the selection process</i>					
Scholarship	Maximum Discount Amount	Generously funded by	Student		Conditions/Inclusions
			Boarding	Day	
<b>WA Purves</b>	100% Tuition fees	Shore School	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic capability and potential</li> </ul>
<b>LC Robson</b>	100% Tuition fees	Shore School	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic capability and potential</li> </ul>
<b>CM Hodges</b>	100% Tuition fees	Shore School	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic capability and potential</li> </ul>
<b>EI Robson</b>	100% Tuition fees	Shore School	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic capability and potential</li> </ul>
<b>James March Hardie</b>	100% Tuition fees	Shore School	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic capability and potential</li> </ul>
<b>Christina Campbell</b>	100% Tuition fees	Shore School	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic capability and potential</li> </ul>
<b>Oswald Stanton-Cook</b>	100% Tuition fees	Shore School	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic capability and potential</li> </ul>
<b>Grainger</b>	100% Tuition fees	Shore School	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic capability and potential</li> </ul>
<b>Netherby Graham</b>	100% Tuition fees	Shore School	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic capability and potential</li> </ul>
<b>Council Junior</b>	100% Tuition fees	Shore School	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic capability and potential</li> </ul>
<b>Bishop Barry</b>	100% Tuition fees	Shore School	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic capability and potential</li> </ul>
<b>RAI Grant Music</b>	100% Tuition fees	Shore School	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 entry</li> <li>• Includes 32 hours of instrumental lessons</li> <li>• Student must be highly proficient on an orchestral instrument</li> <li>• Strings – Grade 7 or above</li> <li>• Woodwind – Grade 5 or above</li> <li>• Brass – Grade 5 or above</li> <li>• Orchestral Percussion – skills on tuned percussion is required – Grade 5 or above</li> </ul>
<b>Merewether Music</b>	50% Tuition fees	Shore Foundation and Merewether Family	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes 32 hours of instrumental lessons</li> <li>• Outstanding ability in French Horn – Grade 4 or above</li> <li>• Orchestral Percussion – skills on both tuned and untuned instruments required – Grade 5 or above</li> <li>• Proficiency in note-reading essential</li> <li>• Note: not awarded every year</li> </ul>
<b>ER &amp; GL Hawkins</b>	50% - 100% Tuition or Boarding	Shore Foundation	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leadership and merit</li> </ul>
<b>KG Smith</b>	100% Tuition fees	Shore Foundation	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well-rounded contributor</li> <li>• Means tested</li> </ul>
<b>P &amp; D Jenkins</b>	25% Tuition fees	Shore Foundation	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day or Boarding Student</li> <li>• Means tested</li> <li>• Academic and character</li> </ul>
<b>KDG Edwards</b>	25% Tuition fees	Shore Foundation	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 entry</li> <li>• All-round achiever</li> </ul>

BURSARY TYPES					
Bursary	Maximum Discount Amount	Generously funded by	Student		Conditions/Inclusions
			Boarding	Day	
<b>Indigenous - AIEF</b>	100% Tuition and Boarding fees	Shore School and the <a href="#">Australian Indigenous Education Foundation</a> (AIEF)	✓	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Years 7 – 11</li> <li>Boarding only</li> <li>Student must be eligible for ABSTUDY</li> </ul>
<b>Blaxland</b>	100% Boarding fees	Shore Foundation	✓	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All-round achiever</li> </ul>
<b>385 – Boarders</b>	100% Boarding fees	Shore Foundation	✓	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scaling discount to support Boarding families</li> </ul>
<b>Conway</b>	50% - 75% Tuition fees	Shore Foundation	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awarded to a child of full time, non-ordained staff engaged in Christian industry</li> </ul>
<b>Foundation Open</b>	25% - 33% Tuition fees	Shore Foundation	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Character and contribution</li> </ul>
<b>Hardwick Family</b>	50% Boarding or tuition fees	Shore Foundation	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student must be a child or grandchild of a Shore Old Boy</li> </ul>
<b>J Fairchild</b>	75% Tuition fees	Shore Foundation	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community contribution</li> </ul>
<b>OBU Bursary</b>	Up to 100% Tuition or Boarding fees	Shore Foundation and Old Boys' Union	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Son of a Shore Old Boy</li> <li>Means tested</li> </ul>

### Scholarship and bursary conditions

Students can only hold one scholarship or bursary at a time. Scholarships/bursaries cannot be added or combined to existing or other scholarships/bursaries. Students who receive a scholarship or bursary are not eligible for any sibling discount. Fees, such as the Enrolment Acceptance and Confirmation Fees, uniforms, compulsory and optional camps, resource and technology levies or other fees and charges, are not included in a scholarship or bursary. If scholarship enrolment is withdrawn prior to commencement or during enrolment, one full term's tuition fees will be charged as a penalty, based on the applicable Schedule of Fees.

## Eligibility Criteria

### Demonstrated achievement, effort, and conduct

Students awarded a scholarship or bursary are expected to consistently demonstrate high levels of effort and engagement across all aspects of School life including co-curricular involvement, positive learning behaviours, and alignment with the School's values. Expectations include:

- Consistent academic results and well-developed organisational and executive functioning skills
- Demonstrated capability across multiple disciplines
- Active and enthusiastic participation in academic and co-curricular programs
- Reliable and above-average study habits
- Effective management of academic and co-curricular responsibilities in line with scholarship expectations
- A willingness to take on leadership roles, contribute to 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

In addition to the above, students applying for a Boarding bursary will be assessed on their suitability to Boarding, including:

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

## How to apply

To apply, candidates are required to complete the relevant 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.

## Academic and all-round achiever scholarship application requirements

To be considered for an academic or an all-rounder scholarship, applicants must [Register for the ACER Scholarship exam](#) via the [ACER website](#) and pay the \$140 registration fee and provide the following documentation:

1. **School reports:** The student's two most recent School reports and latest NAPLAN results (in a single pdf)
2. **Learning assessments/reports** - any relevant diagnostic or specialist reports – please submit in a single pdf:
  - If applicable, full reports from any cognitive or ability assessments (e.g. WISC, WIAT, AGAT, WPPSI).
3. **A student portfolio** (submitted as a single PDF) containing:
  - **Academic scholarship applicants:** a portfolio showcasing excellence, including:
    - Student involvement and achievement (up to 2 pages) – dot points listing the student's involvement and achievement in activities within and/or outside school under the headings: Academic, Sport, Music, Other activities (eg debating, drama, youth group), Leadership.
    - Personal statement (up to 2 pages) – a handwritten statement, written independently by the student, describing their personal interests, what motivates them academically, what they enjoy learning and why, how they contribute to their school and/or community, and how they hope to contribute to the life of the School.
    - \* Work samples (up to 10 pages) – two samples/excerpts of the student's written work that demonstrate depth of thinking and originality (at least one work sample must be handwritten; both samples should include a brief caption to explain the task and what the work shows about their learning). Applicants may also submit up to two samples showcasing their work in STEM or the creative arts (photos can be included if appropriate).
    - \* Evidence (up to 20 pages) – copies of awards, certificates, AMEB examination results or other evidence to support the information provided above. All-round achiever applicants can also include references from teachers, coaches or mentors.
    - **All-Rounder Scholarship** applicants are required to submit a portfolio of evidence of involvement in co-curricular and community activities and references from teachers, coaches, or mentors may be included.

## Music scholarship applications

Applicant must submit an online Shore Music Scholarship Application, including:

1. **School reports:** The student's two most recent School reports and latest NAPLAN results (in a single pdf)
2. **A student portfolio** (submitted as a single PDF) containing:
  - A summary of individual achievements and accreditations, including copies of certificates
  - Evidence of participation in co-curricular music activities such as choir, concert band, string ensemble.
  - A portfolio demonstrating musical attainment, including:
    - A two-page handwritten statement, written independently by the student. The statement should reflect their personal interests, motivations, and what they hope to contribute to the life of the School.
    - AMEB or equivalent exam results
    - A signed reference from their music tutor(s)
    - A video performance (up to 5 minutes) featuring the student playing one instrument or singing
      - Video must be a YouTube link contained in the portfolio document
      - The video must be submitted as a YouTube link within the portfolio document. Videos may be viewed by the selection panel prior to the application closing date, and shortlisted applicants may be invited to audition ahead of the official deadline.

## Boarding bursary applications

Applicants must submit an online Shore [Boarding Bursary Application Form](#) available on the School's website, including:

- 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

## Indigenous/AIEF scholarship applicants

To complete the application process, families are required to submit a [Shore/AIEF Scholarship Application Form](#) and submit the following documentation and information:

- Family details and background
- AIEF Scholarship Application Form - please note that the student questionnaire sections pages 11 - 16 must be handwritten by the student
- Details of any learning needs, support strategies, or classroom adjustments
- Recent School reports and academic records
- NAPLAN results (if applicable)
- Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status
- Copies of ATO Notices of Assessment and/or Centrelink Income Statements for the previous financial year
- Any relevant diagnoses (e.g. learning or developmental conditions)
- Copies of educational, medical, or developmental reports and assessments
- Information about the applicant's interests, strengths, and areas where he may benefit from pastoral care or additional support.

Applications for AIEF Scholarships are accepted and considered throughout the year, subject to availability of places.

## Key dates and timeline

Below is a general timeline for the scholarship and bursary process. Please refer to the School's website for the confirmed dates each year.

	Academic	All-Rounder	Music	Boarding Bursary	Indigenous AIEF
<b>Applications open</b>	15 Oct 2026	15 Oct 2026		15 Oct 2027	Open
<b>Applications close</b>	8 Feb 2027	8 Feb 2027		8 Feb 2027	n/a
<b>ACER Exam</b>	28 Feb 2027	28 Feb 2027	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Shortlisting</b>	Mar 2027	March 2027	Mar 2027	Mar 2027	Reviewed upon receipt
<b>Interview</b>	Mar 2027	March 2027	Mar 2027	Mar 2027	
<b>Audition</b>	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a
<b>Offers sent</b>	Approx one day after interview/audition				
<b>Acceptance</b>	Within 10 days of receiving offer				
<b>Confirmation</b>	Upon acceptance of offer				

- **Applications open:** 15 October 2025
- **Application close** 8 February 2026
- **ACER scholarship exam date:** 28 February 2026
- **Shortlisting notifications:** Early March 2026
- **Interviews and auditions:** Mid-March 2026
- **Offers sent:** Approximately one week after interview/audition
- **Offer acceptance deadline:** Within 10 days of receiving offer
- **Enrolment confirmation:** Upon acceptance of offer

## Scholarship and bursary selection process

### Interviews and auditions

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a friendly and informal interview. This is an opportunity for students to share their interests, goals, and what they enjoy about learning and School life. We are seeking students who are motivated, engaged, and ready to make the most of the opportunities available at Shore.

Interview panels vary depending on the type of scholarship or bursary:

- **Academic Scholarships:** Interviews are conducted by the Deputy Head Academic and members of the Scholarship Committee.
- **Music Scholarships:** Interviews and auditions are conducted by the Head of Music, Head of Strings and Coordinator of Bands.
- **All-Rounder Scholarships:** Interviews are conducted by the Deputy Head, Academic and members of the Scholarship Committee.
- **Boarding Bursaries:** Interviews are conducted by the Deputy Head Operations, Director of Boarding, and Director of Admissions.
- **AIEF Scholarships:** Interviews are conducted by the Deputy Head Operations, Director of Boarding, and Director of Indigenous Programme.

The interview also provides a chance for students and their parents or guardians to meet staff, learn more about the School, and ask any questions they may have about the scholarship or bursary program.

## **Music auditions**

Music Scholarship applicants shortlisted for an audition will be invited to perform in front of a panel including the Head of Music, Coordinator of Bands and Head of Strings. Not all applicants will receive an audition.

Auditions will be a maximum of 15 minutes and will include:

- TWO contrasting pieces of the student's choice:
  - Displaying his technical ability
  - Demonstrating more interpretative skills such as an ability to play long sustained lines, dynamic contrast and phrasing
- Sight-reading and aural tests
- A short interview with the panel
- If auditioning on two instruments, one piece only will be heard on the second instrument. The student's instrumental teacher should be able to advise you on repertoire which will fulfil these requirements.
- Students must arrange their own accompanists. A studio will be available for warm-up prior to the audition.

This process provides an opportunity for students to showcase their musical strengths and discuss their commitment to music within and beyond the School setting. Students must arrange their own accompanists. A studio will be available for warm-up prior to the audition.

## **Scholarship and bursary offers**

Scholarships and bursaries are awarded based on the overall quality of the application—including the applicant's performance in the interview and, where applicable, audition—as well as the best fit for the School community and relevant cohort. The level of fee assistance offered is determined through 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 scholarship or bursary offer
- Offers must be accepted online within 10 days
- An Offer of Enrolment will also be issued, confirming the student's year group and start date
- Families will be required to sign and return the Acceptance of Scholarship Offer and, if applicable, pay the Enrolment Confirmation Fee.

Scholarships and bursaries are awarded based on the best fit for the School community and relevant cohort.

## **Enrolment fees payable**

The Enrolment Application Fee is waived for applicants who are successful in receiving a scholarship or bursary. However, recipients are still required to pay the Enrolment Acceptance and Confirmation Fees. For AIEF Scholarship recipients, these fees are included as part of their scholarship.

## **Expectations of scholars and bursary recipients**

At Shore, we value students who are not only capable learners but also kind, respectful, and committed to giving their best. Scholarship and 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 requested and act as a positive role model
- Embrace Shore's values and contribute to the community with integrity and enthusiasm.

Music Scholars are also expected to:

- Be active and committed members of the Music Program
- Take Music as an elective subject from Years 8 to 12

- Participate in choir and ensembles, attend rehearsals, and perform regularly
- Continue private tuition with an approved tutor (at the family's expense)
- Support fellow musicians by attending performances.

## Scholarship and bursary conditions

Scholarships and bursaries are reviewed twice a year to ensure recipients continue to meet the required expectations. Conditions include:

- Families must keep scholarship and bursary details confidential
- Fee payments must remain up to date
- Holding an academic scholarship does not guarantee placement in High Potential Learners program
- If a student is experiencing difficulty, support is available, and early intervention is strongly encouraged
- Scholarships or bursaries are subject to annual review and may be adjusted or withdrawn if expectations are not met
- Recipients are required to participate in School activities and represent the School in a positive manner
- Scholarships and bursaries are non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash
- The School reserves the right to amend the terms and conditions of the scholarships or bursaries at any time.

Please note: Scholarships and bursaries are awarded based on alignment with the School community and the needs of the relevant cohort.

## Ongoing review

Scholarships and bursaries are reviewed twice a year to ensure students are progressing well. In addition, an annual online meeting is held to discuss each recipient's development and engagement.

Meetings and interviews are conducted by members of the Scholarship Committee, which may include the Deputy Head Academic, Director of Boarding, MIC Scholarships and relevant staff. Families are invited to participate in the online meeting and will be informed of any concerns. These may include:

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

Support measures, 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

For enquiries, contact:

- Scholarships office on +61 2 9900 4746 or at [scholarships@shore.nsw.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@shore.nsw.edu.au)
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