

Scholarship Policy



Vision and Background

We strive to educate strong women of Truth and Love.

At Ave Maria College, a Catholic College for young women from Years 7 to 12, we foster a culture of rigorous academic achievement, underpinned by self-confidence and a deep relationship with God. Our programs are contemporary, challenging, relevant and student centric. It is through these principles and the pillars of faith, learning, community and growth that our students leave the College thriving – both personally and professionally – empowered to shape their own future.

Rationale

Ave Maria College is pleased to offer a limited number of Scholarships to students to support and enhance both academic and overall excellence in learning. The College recognises that excellence in education is both a right for our young women and a shared enterprise between family and school. In all our endeavours, we seek to inspire and celebrate distinction and affirm the pursuit of an excellence. Scholarships may be offered to prospective and existing students and will cover full or part of the tuition fees (excluding Full Fee-Paying Overseas Students (FFPOS)). All prospective students must have lodged an Application for Enrolment prior to applying for an Excellence Scholarship. Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Principal, in consultation with the College Leadership Team (if required).

Intentions:

Our College will:

1. Award Scholarships as a way of affording opportunities to enrolment to young women who will benefit from and contribute to, Catholic education at Ave Maria College.
2. Award Scholarships to young women who demonstrate evidence and capacity for excellence in their learning and based on a range of criteria, which consider the merit and need of students.
3. Offer three types of Scholarships:
 - a. Academic Excellence – are awarded to students at Year 7, 9 and 11 based on Allwell testing results, NAPLAN results and/or the students achieving an excellence level of 90% or above, depending on the Scholarship entry point.
 - b. Overall Excellence – are awarded to students at Year 7, 9 and 11 who have an overall high academic standard of 80% or above and achieve excellence in one or more of the following areas: The Arts (performing and visual), Citizenship, leadership, Sport and/or STEM.
 - c. Veritas Scholarship – awarded to prospective and existing student/s at other year levels, based on discerned need and at the discretion of the Principal.
4. Award Scholarships to prospective students in a manner that is consistent with the enrolment process and policy.
5. Provide a reduction of tuition fees for students awarded a Scholarship up to the value of:
 - a. Year 7 and 9 – 50% of the annual tuition fee
 - b. Year 11 – 80% of the annual tuition fee.
6. Award Scholarships that will cover tuition fees only until the end of Year 12, subject to satisfactory progress of the student and engagement in College life. A review of all Scholarship recipients will be conducted annually by the Deputy Principal.
7. Scholarships will not cover costs such as student device and ICT costs, levies, camps, or any other co-curricular activities unless specified which are currently included in the flat fee structure.
8. Ensure that students awarded Scholarships will be bound by the same rights and

- responsibilities as all students enrolled at Ave Maria College.
9. Require all applicants for Academic Excellence Scholarships to understand and consent to the following Terms and Conditions:
 - a. Full completion of the Application and Selection process, including Academic Assessments, payment of Testing Fees and interview process.
 - b. Provide in their application evidence of their suitability for a Scholarship under the following areas:
 - i. Commitment to the spirit of Ave Maria College, according to our Mission
 - ii. Commitment to excellence and endeavor
 - iii. Commitment to being a role model to all as a young woman of Ave Maria College who fully participates in all aspects of College life
 - iv. Commitment to being an outstanding ambassador for Ave Maria College whilst at school and in the broader community.
 - c. Provide a guarantee that the applicant will remain at Ave Maria College for the duration of the Scholarship.

Consequences:

The College will:

1. Ensure that the awarding of Scholarships adheres to the rationale and intent of the College Scholarship policy.
2. Ensure that all processes for application and awarding of Scholarships follow a clearly defined and transparent process.
3. Ensure that all recipients of Scholarships have satisfactorily met the selection criteria and consent to its review on an annual basis.
4. Require that all recipients and their family understand and consent to the terms and conditions of an Ave Maria College Scholarship.
5. Require that confidentiality between the recipient's family and the College is maintained. Any breach of this confidentiality by the family may result in the Scholarship being rescinded.
6. Honor the provision of each Scholarship whilst the student is enrolled at the College, subject to the student meeting the requirements of its provision.
7. Require that the College reserves the right to withdraw any Scholarship due to inappropriate behavior or unsatisfactory academic performance
8. Require that if a student withdraws from the College prior to the completion of Year 12, the family will refund the value of the Scholarship provided for that school year.

Formulated & ratified by: Senior Leadership Team

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