

BURSARY SCHEME 2026



OVERVIEW

A very limited number of bursaries for Academic Excellence or General Excellence are available to students entering into Years 7 - 12 in 2026 who meet the required criteria. Bursaries can either be means-tested or non-means tested.

Successful applicants will be offered a percentage reduction in tuition fees for the duration of their Secondary school years, provided performance standards are maintained and expectations continue to be met by the student and the conditions which qualify for bursary assistance still apply.

The Building Fund Levy still applies to successful applicants as do any additional charges that relate to optional activities.

THE AWARDING OF BURSARIES

Bursaries will be awarded where:

- a. sufficient College resources are available within the budgeted limit for bursaries, discounts and concessions,
- b. a complete application is submitted in the required timeframe providing evidence that the student meets the criteria,
- c. the applicant is eligible for a bursary,
- d. the student and their parent(s), guardian(s) or caregiver(s) agree to the bursary terms and conditions,
- e. the recipient's parent(s), guardian(s) or caregiver(s), if the applicant is a current student, have a proven record of working constructively with the College and attention to their obligations to the College,
- f. the applicant is deemed by the College to have the greater merit based on the criteria compared to other bursary applicants in the same round who will not be awarded a bursary,
- g. the bursary is supported by the Head of School and Principal, and
- h. the bursary places the family in a better financial position than without the bursary given that a student receiving a bursary is not eligible for any other discount or concession.

CRITERIA

The applicant's merit on the basis of **Academic Excellence** will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- demonstrated sustained academic excellence
- exemplary character as consistently evidenced by their diligence, conduct and adherence to the standards and expectations of their school(s)

- contribution to school and community life (e.g. service, participation, leadership, involvement in community groups, church or activities).

Where a student has a high rather than excellent standard of academic achievement, a **General Excellence** bursary may be sought on the basis of demonstrated excellence in one or more of the following areas: Citizenship, The Arts, Sport.

Citizenship includes elements such as public speaking and debate, leadership and high-level public representative and/or service honours.

The Arts includes Visual Art, Drama, Music and Dance.

Preferred sports are those that are school sports in which the student is able to represent the College. General Excellence bursaries may, however, be considered for other sports where the student is at an elite level.

Where the parent(s), guardian(s) or caregiver(s), would not otherwise be able to afford to **access** (or continue to access) a Westside Christian College education without the financial assistance of a bursary, the **means-tested** application may also be completed for the College's consideration.

ELIGIBILITY

Students entering Years 7 - 12 in 2026 who meet the stated criteria are eligible to apply for a bursary.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- A Bursary Application Pack is available from the College Website www.wcc.qld.edu.au under the Enrolment tab then click on Bursaries.
- Complete the 'Bursary Application' form and provide supporting documentation including that which is specified in that form.
- If you would like to the College to consider your financial means in assessing the merit of the application, please also complete a 'Bursary Application – Financial Details' document.
- Return all completed forms and supporting documents by emailing to Bursaries@wcc.qld.edu.au
Electronic copies only.
- If you are not an existing Westside family or have not already submitted an online Enrolment Application form, please complete the Enrolment Application Form online via our College Website under the Enrolment tab.
- The Business Office may request a confidential interview to discuss your Bursary Application.
- The Bursary Award Committee may request an interview to discuss an application e.g. re academic results or area of significant achievement (e.g., an audition for music, performing arts, sample of visual art etc).
- All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their Bursary Application by mail early in Term 4 2025.