

SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

INTRODUCTION

Ipswich Girls' Grammar School aims to inspire girls to become confident, well-educated young women. It does this by creating a learning environment in which students have a sense of belonging, are known and valued, and strive continually to be the best they can be. The School provides a broad, liberal education and encourages students to strive for academic excellence and actively participate in Arts, sport and community service.

AIM

The School offers a range of scholarships to recognise students who have demonstrated high levels of performance in one or more aspects of an all-round education.

TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholarships reward and recognise new and continuing students entering Years 7 to 12 for academic excellence. The scholarships are awarded based on the results of an external scholarship examination held in Term 1, recent academic reports, NAPLAN results and an interview with the Dean of Studies (for shortlisted candidates only). Students must have a record of excellent behaviour. The scholarship represents up to 50% remission of tuition fees.

Special Ability Scholarships

Special Ability Scholarships are offered to students entering Years 7 to 12 who excel in the Performing Arts or a QGSSSA Sport. Scholarship holders must actively participate in their area of special ability at school and be able to demonstrate high academic achievement. Students must have a record of excellent behaviour. Selection is based on the applicant's portfolio, an interview with the relevant Head of Department and, in some circumstances, an audition. Relevant criteria apply to both the Special Ability Sport Scholarship and the Special Ability Performing Arts Scholarship. The scholarship represents up to 50% remission of tuition fees.

School Captain Scholarships

Scholarships are offered to students who are School Captains of their Primary or Junior School. Students must be able to demonstrate high academic achievement, community service, and involvement in the Arts and sport. Students must have a record of excellent behaviour. Students are expected to participate actively in all aspects of an all-round education and support others at IGGs. Selection is based on the applicant's portfolio and an interview with the Principal or Deputy Principal. The scholarship represents up to 25% remission of tuition fees.

Defence Force Family Scholarship

Scholarships are awarded to new students entering Years 7 to 12 who are members of serving Defence Force families in recognition of the significant contribution and sacrifices the families make whilst serving our nation. Students must have demonstrated high academic achievement, community service, participation in one element of the Arts (Dance, Drama or Music) and a sport. Students must have a record of excellent behaviour. Selection is based on the applicant's portfolio and an interview with the Principal. The scholarship represents up to 25% remission of tuition fees.

Rural Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to new students entering full-time boarding from regional locations with a postcode of 4350 or above (for Queensland based students). Students must demonstrate either academic, sporting ability or leadership potential and meet mandatory criteria set out in the scholarship application. The scholarship represents up to 25% remission of tuition and boarding fees.

CONDITIONS OF A SCHOLARSHIP

The School reserves the right to limit or not award scholarships each year. The Board of Trustees determines the amount that can be allocated to scholarships. Scholarships offered to students entering Years 7, 8 and 9 are tenable until the end of Year 10. Students must reapply for a scholarship for Years 11 and 12. Scholarships offered to applicants entering Years 10, 11 or 12 are tenable until the end of Year 12. The percentage remission of tuition fees is based on how well the student meets the criteria of the scholarship and this decision is made solely by the School. All scholarships are subject to an annual review based on student's performance. This means that if the Conditions of the Scholarship continue to be met, the student retains the scholarship for that tenure or until they leave IGGS. Scholarships are not means tested, they are offered based on student merit

The School will not negotiate the conditions or amount of a scholarship or enter into a discussion once a decision has been made.

In order to maintain the scholarship, a student must maintain the conditions as specified and agreed to on their Conditions of Scholarship agreement at time of acceptance. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Maintain consistently a level of academic performance as prescribed by the scholarship (reviewed each semester).
- Demonstrate a willingness to contribute to the curricular and co-curricular activities of the School, that is, participate in at least two of the following: one sport, one service and one cultural activity each year (reviewed annually). Participation in the student's field of special ability contributes to this criterion.
- Comply with the School's high expectations regarding attitudes, behaviour, uniform, and use of technology (reviewed each semester).
- Not bring discredit to the School in any way (immediate withdrawal of the scholarship).

The student's family must:

- Pay the balance of any account by the due date. **Failure to do so may result in a scholarship being withdrawn.**
- Actively support the School's Parents & Friends Association.

Each scholarship is granted on the understanding that the Board of Trustees has the right to withdraw the scholarship if the aforementioned conditions are not met. Scholarships are contingent on the full disclosure of all information pertinent to a student's education. Withholding relevant information may result in a scholarship being withdrawn. Potential withdrawal of a scholarship will be discussed with the family prior to the end of a school term. IGGS has excellent pastoral care, counselling, learning support resources and programs to help all students maintain high personal and performance standards. Withdrawal of a scholarship is not executed without due consideration of any mitigating circumstances should any of the above conditions provide cause for concern.