

Merton Academic / Music (External) Scholarship

Background

The Merton Scholarship was initiated in 1971 to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of The Cathedral Grammar School. The scholarship is named after the first Headmaster of the school, Rev. G.D. Merton. Originally, this scholarship was intended to “encourage boys to begin at Year 5 level”. Significant changes to the structure of the school over time have seen the intent of the scholarship retained, but its scope widened.

Objectives

To encourage boys and girls, at Year 5 and above, to attend the school subject to the availability of places.

Policy

1. A Merton Academic Scholarship or a Merton Music Scholarship shall be awarded to pupils for the duration of their schooling at The Cathedral Grammar School, subject to the maintenance of an appropriate standard of attainment by each scholar.
2. There shall be up to two full-time equivalent (FTE) scholarships awarded in any one year.
3. Scholarships may be split (e.g. 4 x 50% scholarships; 1 x 100% and 2 x 50% scholarships, etc.) at the Principal’s discretion.
4. Scholarships shall only be awarded where the results achieved by applicants is of a sufficiently high standard, as determined by the Principal.

Procedures

1. In April and May each year, applications for a Merton Academic Scholarship or a Merton Music Scholarship will be invited from candidates in Year 4 or above who are not currently enrolled in the school.
2. The award of scholarships shall be made after examinations held in the first week of June. In addition to examinations in English and Mathematics, candidates will sit a further test of general scholastic abilities.
3. In the case of Merton Music Scholarships, applicants will be required to audition on an instrument of their choice and / or voice, in addition to the examinations listed above.
4. The scholarships shall only be awarded where the standard achieved by the applicants is, in the sole opinion of the Principal, of a suitably high standard.
5. Any scholarship awarded will commence from the beginning of the following academic year.