



SCHOLARSHIPS POLICY

Policy for the Awarding of Scholarships

RATIONALE

Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College is a Catholic school, called upon to reflect in its values and actions the life and teachings of Jesus and having as part of its mission to be a dynamic and witnessing part of the Christian community. In Australia, Catholic schools have a long tradition of being available to all students, regardless of background or income. In the case of Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College this availability is part of a longer tradition that goes back to our foundress, Catherine McAuley, who established schools as a way of providing young women with an open opportunity for education. We believe that through the awarding of scholarships we are striving to work for justice in all that we do, bearing further witness to the core of our existence as a Catholic school in the Mercy tradition.

POLICY STATEMENTS

1. Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College will award scholarships as a way of increasing access to enrolment to young women who would benefit from and contribute to, Catholic education at Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College.
2. Scholarships will be awarded to young women who demonstrate potential for a commitment to a holistic education, in preparation for life, service, leadership and Mercy values.
3. The College will approve the number and value of scholarships each year based on the availability of funds in consultation with the Board Finance Committee.
4. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of a range of criteria, which take into account the merit of eligible students.
5. The College will offer three levels of Scholarships:
 - 5.1 Scholarships will be awarded annually for students entering Year 7;
 - 5.2 Senior School Scholarships will be awarded annually for entry at Year 10 or Year 11;
 - 5.3 A Blue and Blue Scholarship will be awarded annually for a current Year 10 student to contribute to her HSC or IB Diploma studies.
6. Year 7 and Senior School Scholarships will cover all tuition fees, or a proportion of tuition fees subject to periodic review and relative to the scholarship awarded.
7. The Blue and Blue Scholarship covers 50% of all tuition fees for study in Years 11 and 12 HSC or IB Diploma Program.
8. Students awarded scholarships will be bound by the same rights and responsibilities as all students enrolled at Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College.

SCHOOL CONTEXT

The ethos of Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College underpins all that we do. In the awarding of scholarships we draw especially on the following key elements:

1. Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College is a school of innovative educational endeavour and a leader within Catholic education. Excellence and the pursuit of excellence and an expectation that each student will become the best person she can be, are primary goals.
2. Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College provides a strong values-centred Catholic education in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy. The values of mercy, human dignity, justice, and service are core values that are central to school policy and practice. Within this tradition, students engage with those least advantaged in the local and global community and reflect upon this experience. They are expected to develop a social conscience, to become socially critical, to realise that individuals can make a difference and to be active in working for social justice.

SELECTION PROCEDURES OVERVIEW

Scholarship:	<i>Year 7</i>	<i>Senior School</i>	<i>Blue and Blue</i>
Students eligible:	<i>Entry at Year 7</i>	<i>Entry at Year 10 or 11</i>	<i>Existing Year 10 student for Years 11 and 12</i>
Advertisement period:	Sept (2 years prior to year of entry) – Feb (1 year prior)	Sept (2 years prior to year of entry) – Feb (1 year prior)	August
Application available from:	Website	Website	Website
Lodgement of Application:	Sept – Feb as per ACER Scholarship Test - Cooperative Programs schedule	June – late August	August – September
Method of Selection:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in ACER Scholarship Test - Cooperative Programs or equivalent • Applications to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal Statement - Latest School Report - NAPLAN – Year 5 results - Other Achievement records • Interview with Scholarships Selection Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal Statement - Latest School Report - NAPLAN – Year 9 results - Other Achievement records • Interview with Scholarships Selection Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal Statement - Latest School Report • Interview with Blue and Blue Selection Committee
Selection Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance in ACER Scholarship Test - Cooperative Programs • Evidence of student’s talent and interest in academic studies, co-curricular and social justice activities and her leadership potential • Student’s involvement in own school and/or local community or parish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of student’s talent and interest in academic studies, co-curricular activities and social justice activities and her leadership potential • Student’s involvement in own school and/or local community or parish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record of academic achievement • Record of contribution to the College in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-curricular - Service and leadership - Justice activities

SELECTION PROCEDURES: Year 7 Scholarship

General considerations

- 1.1 Any student entering Year 7 in the following year (including a student who has already been accepted) is eligible to apply for the Year 7 Scholarship.
- 1.2 In the interests of sharing this assistance among as many families as possible, the presumption is that a family is likely to receive only one scholarship.

Method of selection

- 2.1 Completion of the appropriate College Scholarship Application Form. (This can be downloaded from the College website; see under "Admissions".)
- 2.2 The student and her parent/guardian/carer attending an interview with the Scholarship Selection Committee, consisting of the Principal or her appointee, a member of the College Executive and a member of the College Senior Leadership team.
- 2.3 The Scholarship Selection Committee will select scholarship holders based on the application, the interview and results of the ACER Scholarship Test – Cooperative Programs or equivalent.

Selection criteria

In making their decision, the Scholarship Selection Committee will consider the following criteria:

- 3.1 The student's performance in the ACER Scholarship Test – Cooperative Programs or equivalent.
- 3.2 Evidence of the student's talent and interest in academic studies, co-curricular activities and social justice activities and of her leadership potential.
- 3.3 The student's involvement in her own school and local community.

Notification of award

The candidates will be notified of the outcome in writing as soon as practicable following the interviews. The award of the Scholarship(s) will be announced in the next edition of the *Monte Gazette* following acceptance and appropriate consent from the recipient(s).

SELECTION PROCEDURES: Senior School Scholarship

General considerations

- 1.1 Any student not currently enrolled in the College and entering Year 10 or Year 11 in the following year is eligible to apply for the Senior School Scholarship.

Method of selection

- 2.1 Completion of the appropriate College Scholarship Application Form. (This can be downloaded from the College website; see under "Admissions").
- 2.2 The student and her parent/guardian/carer attending an interview with the Scholarship Selection Committee, consisting of the Principal or her appointee, a member of the College Executive and a member of the College Senior Leadership Team.
- 2.3 The Scholarship Selection Committee will select scholarship holders based on the application and the interview.

Selection criteria

In making their decision, the Scholarship Selection Committee will consider the following criteria:

- 3.1 Evidence of the student's talent and interest in academic studies, co-curricular activities and social justice activities and of her leadership potential.
- 3.2 The student's involvement in her own school and local community.

Notification of award

The candidates will be notified of the outcome in writing as soon as practicable following the interviews. The award of the Scholarship(s) will be announced in the next edition of the *Monte Gazette* following acceptance and appropriate consent from the recipient(s).

SELECTION PROCEDURES: Blue and Blue Scholarship
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General considerations

- 1.1 Any student currently enrolled in Year 10 at the College and entering Year 11 in the following year is eligible to apply for the Blue and Blue Scholarship.

Method of selection

- 2.1 Completion of the Blue and Blue Scholarship Application Form. (This can be downloaded from the College website; see under "Admissions" and will be made available to all Year 10 students on Monte Connect Year 10 Pastoral page).
- 2.2 The student and her parent/guardian/carer attending an interview with the Blue and Blue Scholarship Selection Committee, consisting of the Principal or her appointee, Director of Mission, Deputy Principal –Curriculum, Director of Senior School and Head of Year 10.
- 2.3 The Blue and Blue Scholarship Selection Committee will select scholarship holders based on the application and the interview.

Selection criteria

In making their decision, the Scholarship Selection Committee will consider the following criteria:

- 3.1 Academic achievement as evidenced by consistently strong performance in school subjects in Years 7 -10.
- 3.2 A high level of participation across arrange of co-curricular activities in Years 7 -10.
- 3.3 Contribution to the life of the College through the involvement in Years 7 -10 in liturgical, social justice and service activities.

Notification of award

The award of the Blue and Blue Scholarship will be announced at the Senior School Liturgy and Awards ceremony and also the next edition of the *Monte Gazette* after the ceremony.

SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW

The Deputy Principal Pastoral Care will be responsible for privately reviewing the commitment of the scholarship holders to their personal educational progress consistent with the principles of enrolment for all students and the policies of this document.

MONITORING OF THIS SCHOLARSHIPS POLICY

The College Executive Committee will monitor and review the Scholarship Policy.

ENDORSED BY:	COLLEGE EXECUTIVE
MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY:	DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS
DISTRIBUTION:	PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS, PARENTS
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