SCHOLARSHIP 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 Development Committee of the College Board will approve the number and value of scholarships each year based on the availability of funds.
4. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of a range of criteria, which take into account the merit and need 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. Scholarships will cover all tuition fees, or a proportion of tuition fees from Year 7 to Year 12 subject to periodic review.
7. 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.
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| **Method of Selection:** | • Participation in ACER Scholarship Selection Test (SST) | • Applications to include:  
  - Personal Statement  
  - Latest School Report  
  - NAPLAN – Year 9 results  
  - Other Achievement records  
  - One academic referee  
  • Interview with Scholarships Selection Committee | • Applications to include:  
  - Personal Statement  
  - Latest School Report  
  • Interview with Blue and Blue Selection Committee |
| **Selection Criteria:** | • Performance in ACER Test (SST)  
  • Evidence of student’s talent in academic students, cocurricular activities and her leadership potential  
  • Student’s involvement in own school and/or local community or parish | • Record of Academic achievement  
  • Student’s demonstrated involvement in school cocurricular program  
  • Student’s involvement in service or justice activities | • Record of academic achievement  
  • Record of contribution to the College in the following areas:  
  - Cocurricular  
  - Service and leadership  
  - Justice activities |
SELECTION PROCEDURES

1. **General considerations:**
   1. Any student entering Year 7 in the following year (including a student who has already been accepted) is eligible to apply.
   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.

2. **Method of selection:**
   1. Completion of the College for Scholarship Application Form. (This can be downloaded from the College website; see under “Enrolments”.)
   2. Participation in the ACER Scholarship Selection Test (SST).
   3. 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 Development Committee of the College Board or their appointee, and a member of College Board or their appointee.
   4. The Scholarship Selection Committee will select scholarship holders based on the application, the interview and results of the ACER (SST).

3. **Selection criteria:**
   In making their decision, the Scholarship Selection Committee will consider the following criteria:
   1. The student’s performance in the ACER (SST).
   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. The student’s involvement in her own school and local community.

4. **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 *Monte Matters* and the *Monte Gazette* following acceptance and appropriate consent from the recipient(s).

5. **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.