SOMERSET COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Somerset College welcomes applications for scholarships from students who believe they can make a positive contribution to the Somerset Community. Each year, the College awards a limited number of Academic, Music and General Excellence Scholarships to students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and success in several other fields of endeavour.

Why has the College established a Scholarship Fund?
The Fund was established to support the College’s existing Scholarship Programme and to enable the programme to be expanded. Supporters of the College have requested new avenues to support children wishing to attend Somerset.

Are donations to the Scholarship Fund tax deductible?
All donations, over $2.00, to the Fund are tax deductible.

Are there any administrative costs?
No, every dollar donated to the Fund goes to providing support for Scholarship recipients.

How much is needed endow a Scholarship?
Approximately $400,000 is needed to fund a scholarship providing a 75% reduction in fees in perpetuity.

How are Scholarships at Somerset awarded?
Currently Scholarships are generally awarded on merit. There are occasions where equity criteria are considered to enable a student who would otherwise be unable to attend the College to enjoy the Somerset Experience. In general all candidates complete the appropriate academic testing prior to an interview with members of the College staff.

What types of Scholarships are awarded?
The College offers Academic Scholarships, Music Scholarships and General Excellence Scholarships. Academic Scholarships recognise outstanding academic achievement and potential. Music Scholarships enhance the College’s performance programme and encourage students to explore their musical talents. General Excellence Scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated excellence in service, sport, leadership or other personal achievements.

What is provided by a scholarship?
At Somerset, scholarships provide a reduction of tuition fees, some to 100% and are normally tenable for the duration of a student's education. The percentage reduction is determined considering testing results and interview. To maintain the scholarship a student is expected to make satisfactory progress as well as being fully involved in normal College activities and upholding the standards of the College. In accepting the scholarship families commit to graduating from the College in Year 12.