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Girton Grammar School Scholarship Information



**SCHOLARSHIPS DELIVER OPPORTUNITIES
AND PROMOTE EXCELLENCE**

Girton Grammar School Scholarships



Means Tested Scholarships

Scholarships strengthen the diversity of the School community, culturally, artistically and academically.

Means-tested Scholarships can have an immediate, personal and profound impact on families and talent-based Scholarships help highly capable students to fulfil their potential. Scholarships at Girton support the Mission and Values of the School, allowing access to a first-rate education to more people. Further, Scholarships nurture a culture of philanthropy, compassion and social equity which have been important in the School's history and continue to shape the values of the School.

Scholarships at Girton are considered both a privilege and a responsibility. It is a privilege to earn a Scholarship and a responsibility for the student to meet the ongoing Scholarship requirements to maintain Scholarship benefits.

Girton Opportunity Scholarship

A means-tested Scholarship founded in compassion and social equity that is available to new students who would benefit from a Girton education but for financial or other reasons are unable to do so without assistance.

Academic Scholarship

The Girton Grammar School Academic Scholarship is available to new students entering Years 5 to 12.

Students sit three tests administered by the Australian Council of Educational Research (ACER) on our scholarship testing days which take place in May and October.

Girton Individual Excellence Scholarship

The Girton Grammar School Individual Excellence Scholarship is available to new students entering Years 5 to 12 who display a level of excellence in a specific field such as sport, the performing arts or IT.

Access to these scholarships is possible at any stage in the academic year.

Non-Means Tested Scholarships

Girton VCE Pathways Scholarship

A non-means tested Scholarship awarded to new high performing academic students currently in Year 9 or 10 with the Scholarship benefits applicable from Year 10 to Year 12. This Scholarship is designed to give academic students the opportunity to join the School in Year 10 to commence their VCE pathway with Unit 1 / 2 VCE subjects.

Girton Indigenous and Multicultural Scholarship

This scholarship is offered to new students in Years 7 to 12 from indigenous or culturally diverse backgrounds who have been identified as showing strong leadership, endeavour and citizenship qualities and who would benefit from the opportunity to pursue an academic pathway at Girton.

Scholarships by Audition

Betty Higgs Music Scholarship

The Betty Higgs Music Scholarship is available to new and current students entering Years 7 to 12.

Performing Arts Scholarship

A Girton Grammar School Performing Arts Scholarship is available to new and current students entering Years 7 to 12.

The Michael Currie Music Scholarship

The Michael Currie Music Scholarship is awarded to one student from Years 10 to 12 on the basis of competitive audition.

Important information

All information within this booklet is correct at time of publication, September 2023 and supersedes any prior information and publications.

Girton Grammar School reserves the right to alter availability of scholarships and their criteria and conditions at any time.

All critical dates as well as any examination costs and registration information are advised on the Girton Grammar School website under Enrolments>Scholarships.

www.girton.vic.edu.au

Please contact the Registry Office at Girton Grammar School on 5441 3114 or via email at: registrar@girton.vic.edu.au for further information regarding scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACADEMIC MERIT

Girton Academic Scholarship

Scholarship Purpose:

To allow new students with high academic capacity, who would not ordinarily be able to access a Girton education due to financial circumstances, the opportunity to enrol in the School.

Considerations:

- The Girton Academic Means Tested Scholarships are available to new students to Girton Grammar School in Years 5 - 12
- Students are expected to display high academic capability as demonstrated via testing criteria
- Co-curricular involvement
- Character of candidate

Procedure:

1. Each year there are two testing days for Girton Academic Means Tested Scholarships; the 3rd Saturday in May and the 2nd Saturday in October for scholarships commencing immediately or the following year. Individual testing and applications may occur only if the candidate is unable to attend either testing day.
2. Applications are made to the Registrar via an online form and forwarded to the Head of Academic Services in the Senior School and Head of Junior School, along with recent school reports and NAPLAN results for appraisal.
3. Applicants are to sit three ACER tests (PAT-R, PAT-M and AGAT) on the testing days.
4. Following testing, short listed candidates are asked to provide a reference from their current teacher and/or Principal and recent school reports.
5. Short listed candidates then undertake a panel interview with relevant Senior Staff to discuss the student's potential to succeed within the Girton Grammar School environment and culture.
6. Candidates are advised of the outcome of their application. Successful candidate families are required to complete a financial assessment which is reviewed by the Principal and CFO to ascertain level of tuition fee remission.
7. Once accepted, enrolment procedures occur.
8. Financial eligibility is reviewed annually by the CFO and level of support adjusted accordingly.
9. Academic performance, effort and dedication to studies, involvement in co-curricular activity and general behaviour standards are expected to be maintained for the duration of the scholarship according to the following criteria or the scholarship will be removed.
 - Scoring a minimum of 3 or higher for their effort and dedication in all their subjects
 - Upholding the school values as reflected in interviews with the student's teachers and Head of House
 - Fulfilling the minimum requirement for co-curricular involvement
 - Continuing to strive for academic excellence as reflected in the comments section of school reports.





SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACADEMIC MERIT

Girton VCE Pathways Scholarship

Scholarship Purpose:

A non-means tested Scholarship awarded to new high performing academic students currently in Year 9 or 10 with the Scholarship benefits applicable from Year 10 to Year 12. This Scholarship is designed to give academic students the opportunity to join the School in Year 10 to commence their VCE pathway with Unit 1 / 2 VCE subjects.

Considerations:

- New students in Year 9 or 10 may apply for this Scholarship, with the benefits of the Scholarship applied from Years 10 to 12 (inclusive).
- High academic capability as demonstrated via ACER testing administered by Girton. Applicants are invited to sit three ACER tests (PAT-R, PAT-M and AGAT).
- Co-curricular involvement
- Character of candidate assessed via Scholarship Panel interview
- Successful VCE Pathway Scholarship recipients will receive a flat 60% reduction on tuition fees.

Procedure:

1. Applicants view scholarship information on the school website and via a printed or electronic brochure. Scholarships are also advertised in mainstream and social media.
2. Applications are made to the Registrar via an online form and forwarded, along with recent school reports and NAPLAN results to the Head of Academic and Data Services in the Senior School.
3. Applicants are invited to sit three ACER tests (PAT-R, PAT-M and AGAT).
4. Shortlist of candidates is created for those achieving a score in the 90th percentile for each test benchmarked against all other ACER Australian test participants.
5. Shortlisted candidates asked to provide a reference from their current school Principal and invited to a Scholarship Panel interview.

6. Shortlisted candidates undertake a Scholarship Panel interview to determine the student's character, co-curricular involvement and potential to succeed within the Girton Grammar School VCE environment and culture.
7. Students who successfully complete the above steps will be offered a Scholarship (in writing) Parents are advised of the outcome of their application and tuition fees with the 60% reduction applied are confirmed. The 60% fee reduction will ensure that Girton fees are comparable to competitor schools, making the VCE enrolment choice enticing for prospective families.
8. Once accepted, enrolment procedures occur.

Ongoing Criteria:

1. Students who receive a Girton VCE Pathway Scholarship must remain in the 90th percentile on Acer testing in Year 10 and must fulfil the requirements to achieve Academic Colours in Years 11 and 12.
2. Academic performance, effort and dedication to studies, involvement in co-curricular activity and general behaviour standards are expected to be maintained for the duration of the Scholarship according to the Scholarship criteria or the Scholarship will be removed.
3. Scoring a minimum of 3 or higher for their effort and dedication in all subjects
4. Upholding the school values as reflected and adhering to the Student Code of Conduct
5. Fulfilling the minimum requirement for co-curricular involvement
6. Continuing to strive for academic excellence as reflected in the comments section of school reports.
7. Duration of Scholarship The Scholarship applies from Year 10 to year 12, inclusive if the Scholarship criteria continue to be met.



OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Girton Opportunity Scholarship

Purpose:

To support the School's ethos of philanthropy, social equity and compassion by supporting students who, for financial or other reasons, cannot access a Girton education but would benefit from doing so.

Considerations:

- Must be a new student (of any age)
 - Priority will be given to families who hold a Centrelink Health Care Card (Families on the maximum rate of the Family Tax Benefit Part A). Families with a Health Care Card need not undertake financial assessment. Families who do not have a Health Care Card will undergo an financial assessment.
 - Prior and current familial involvement/enrolments in other schools are considered, as well as school reports
 - Potential for student participation in and contribution to school life, including effort, behaviour and presentation, is also considered
 - Willingness to embrace school values and the Student Code of Conduct
 - It is intended that students on a Girton Opportunity Scholarship will be active members of mainstream academic classes. Therefore, applicants will be required to undertake ACER testing to give an indication of academic capability to ensure the school can accommodate students in the mainstream.
4. Family meets with the Principal or delegate to ascertain the degree of financial hardship and eligibility based on scholarship considerations.
 5. Any exceptional circumstance will be presented to the School Board for approval.
 6. The Principal, or delegate and CFO determines the appropriate level of financial assistance.

Procedure:

1. Referral by member of the Girton or broader community or self nomination.
2. Family contacts school regarding scholarship and inability to meet school fee obligations.
3. Following a conversation with a member of the Girton Registry team, family submits school reports and if applicable provides evidence of being on the maximum rate of the Family Tax Benefit Part A, ie, Centrelink Health Care Card holder, or undergoes a financial assessment.

Duration of Scholarship:

The level of financial support is reviewed annually by the CFO and adjusted accordingly. Families who no longer hold a Health Care Card will need to undertake the financial evaluation process and a new discount rate will apply. If financial support remains applicable, then the Scholarship will continue to apply, potentially for the duration of the student's time at Girton.





SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE

SPORT • PERFORMING AND CREATIVE ARTS • IT • TECHNICAL ENDEAVOURS AND MORE

Girton Individual Excellence Scholarship

Scholarship Purpose:

The Girton Individual Excellence Scholarship is to be awarded to new students who demonstrate a level of excellence in a specific field, not necessarily academic. For example: sport, performing and creative arts, IT and other technical endeavours. Students receiving an Individual Excellence Scholarship are expected to contribute to the life of the School in their field of expertise and mentor other students involved in the same pursuits.

Considerations:

- Demonstrated level of excellence in the candidates chosen field of interest/talent
- Co-curricular involvement
- Demonstrated commitment to their studies
- Character of candidate must be aligned with the School's values and expectations
- Willingness to mentor/assist other students in their area of expertise
- The level of sponsorship provided by Girton will be determined via a means tested case-by-case basis.
- Duration of scholarship: The scholarship applies for the duration of the student's time at Girton. The level of financial support is reviewed annually by the CFO and adjusted accordingly

Procedure:

1. The school becomes aware of potential candidates via:
 - a. A direct approach from the candidate's family
 - b. Observation made by Girton staff
 - c. Referral by member of the Girton or broader community
2. Potential candidates asked to provide a reference from their current Teacher or Coach and/or Principal, recent school reports and evidence of excellence in field of interest.
3. Potential candidates undertake interview with the Principal or Principal's delegate to determine the student's potential to succeed within the Girton Grammar School environment and culture.
4. Candidates are advised of the outcome of their application. Successful candidate families are required to complete a financial assessment which is reviewed by the Principal and CFO to ascertain level of tuition fee remission.
5. Enrolment procedures commence.



GIRTON INDIGENOUS AND MULTICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Purpose:

The Girton Indigenous and Multicultural Scholarship will be offered to new students in Years 7 to 12 from indigenous or culturally diverse backgrounds who have been identified as showing strong leadership, endeavour and citizenship qualities and who would benefit from the opportunity to pursue an academic pathway at Girton. Applicants for this Scholarship may be considered in partnership with the Korin Gamadji Institute and the Bendigo Pioneers, with whom the School has a relationship, or applicants may be self-nominated. Support outside of school for some scholarship recipients in this category is provided by the Bendigo Pioneers Football Club.

Considerations:

- There will be a maximum of four active scholarships
- Each Scholarship will consist of a 90% reduction in tuition fees per year.
- Students must have a direct indigenous or culturally diverse family background.
- May be nominated by a representative of Korin Gamadji Institute or the Bendigo Pioneers or self-nominated.
- Demonstrated evidence of positive endeavour in academic and co-academic pursuits. It is noted that high academic results are not a requirement but rather, positive endeavour towards the highest attainable results.
- Evidence of positive leadership and citizenship both in School, in their community and in the sporting or other arena.
- Willingness to proactively share culture with the school community.

Procedure:

1. Candidates nominated by a representative of Korin Gamadji Institute or the Bendigo Pioneers, or self-nominated based on being a first generation Australian (parents born overseas) or Australian refugee.
2. Candidates asked to provide a reference from their current Principal and recent school reports, if available. If reports are not available, the candidate will undertake ACER testing to help

determine whether an academic pathway is realistic for the student.

3. Demonstrate evidence of positive endeavour in academic and co-academic pursuits. It is noted that high academic results are not a requirement, rather positive endeavour towards the highest attainable results.
4. Potential candidates undertake interview with the Scholarship Panel to determine the student's character, co-curricular involvement and potential to succeed on a mainstream academic pathway and within the Girton Grammar School environment and culture.
5. Demonstrate evidence of positive leadership and citizenship both in School, in their community and in the co-curricular arena. This may take the form of letters of reference, nominated referees, awards, school reports or evidence of selection in a specific sporting program or other co-curricular achievement.
6. The Principal is the sole decision maker in respect of the award of the Scholarship at any time. The Principal will not enter into any correspondence or discussion about the success or otherwise of a candidate. If candidate is deemed suitable, enrolment procedures commence via the Registrar
7. Continued sound academic effort is required, along with strong citizenship and commitment to the values of the School. Students will be expected to be fully involved in the school co-curricular program.

Duration of Scholarship:

The Girton Indigenous and Multicultural Scholarship applies for the duration of the student's time at Girton, subject to meeting of scholarship criteria after annual review.



BETTY HIGGS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Mrs Betty Higgs has been an outstanding teacher who has displayed compassion, strength of character and a wonderful sense of dedication and commitment to her students and the entire school community. Mrs Higgs' love for music and the arts shines through her teaching practices. Her dedication to her students has been unwavering. The countless hours that Mrs Higgs has contributed to the Music curriculum and co-curriculum of the School for over three decades is a shining example of her passion for the musical life of Girton Grammar School.

The Girton Grammar School Board recognised Mrs Betty Higgs by naming this scholarship in her honour.

Scholarship Purpose:

For musicians who complete a competitive audition process and are Grade Four or higher at Year Seven. A 15% rebate of tuition fees is awarded to assist with their lessons and musical expenses.

Considerations:

- Three external and two internal offers may be made in any one year. These scholarships are for excellence in musical performance.
- The Scholarship is maintained for the duration of a student's life at Girton, on the basis of the fulfilment of the following criteria.
 - 1) Excellence in musical endeavour and citizenship
 - 2) Willingness to perform at School events and elsewhere
 - 3) Encouragement and leadership of others in Music and in a broader context
 - 4) Excellence in effort and dedication towards their studies and general School involvement

Procedure:

1. Advertising for the Betty Higgs Scholarship to take place in during Term 1 for scholarships commencing the following Year.
2. Applications are open during Term 2
3. Performing Arts Administration receives applications and organises panel audition schedule for Term 3
4. The panel's recommendations are presented to the Principal and interviews arranged
5. Scholarship offers are made by the Principal or delegate and recipient information provided to the Business Office via Performing Arts Administration
6. The Betty Higgs Scholarship is reviewed annually by relevant music staff and the Head of Music in conjunction with the Principal or delegate.

Mrs Betty Higgs







GIRTON EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP – PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Girton Grammar School Performing Arts Scholarship commenced in 2009 to support the School's commitment to, and pursuit of excellence in the fields of Drama, Dance and Musical Theatre.

This Scholarship is open to any student entering Years 7 to 12 at Girton Grammar School, whether or not they are currently attending the School. The value is 15% of tuition fees. All other deposits and charges incurred are not affected by this Scholarship.

The Performing Arts Scholarship is held until the student departs the School, having completed the VCE in the normal time at the end of Year 12, subject to the conditions of its award. Current holders of other scholarships may, if successful, add it to their current scholarships.

A maximum of five scholarships may be made, with a maximum of two for current Girton students. The School is under no obligation to offer scholarships in any round of auditions. Unsuccessful candidates in this round may compete in the following year's scholarship round.

Scholarship Purpose:

Awarded to students who excel in a combination of Music, Drama or Dance and complete a competitive audition process. The value is 15% of tuition fees.

Considerations:

- Three external and two internal offers may be made in any one year on the basis of a competitive audition process.
- The scholarships are maintained for the duration of a student's life at Girton, on the basis of the fulfilment of the following criteria.
- Excellence in Performing Arts endeavour and citizenship
- Willingness to perform at School events and elsewhere
- Encouragement and leadership of others in Music and in a broader context
- Excellence in effort and dedication towards their studies and general School involvement

Procedure:

1. Advertising for the Performing Arts Scholarships to take place in during Term 1 for scholarship commencing the following Year.
2. Applications are open during Term 2
3. Performing Arts Administration receives applications and organises panel audition schedule taking place in Term 3
4. The panel's recommendations are presented to the Principal or delegate and interviews arranged
5. Scholarship offers are made by the Principal or delegate and recipient information provided to the Business Office via Performing Arts Administration
6. The Performing Arts Scholarships are reviewed annually by relevant music staff and the Head of Music in conjunction with the Principal.



GIRTON EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP – THE MICHAEL CURRIE MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Purpose:

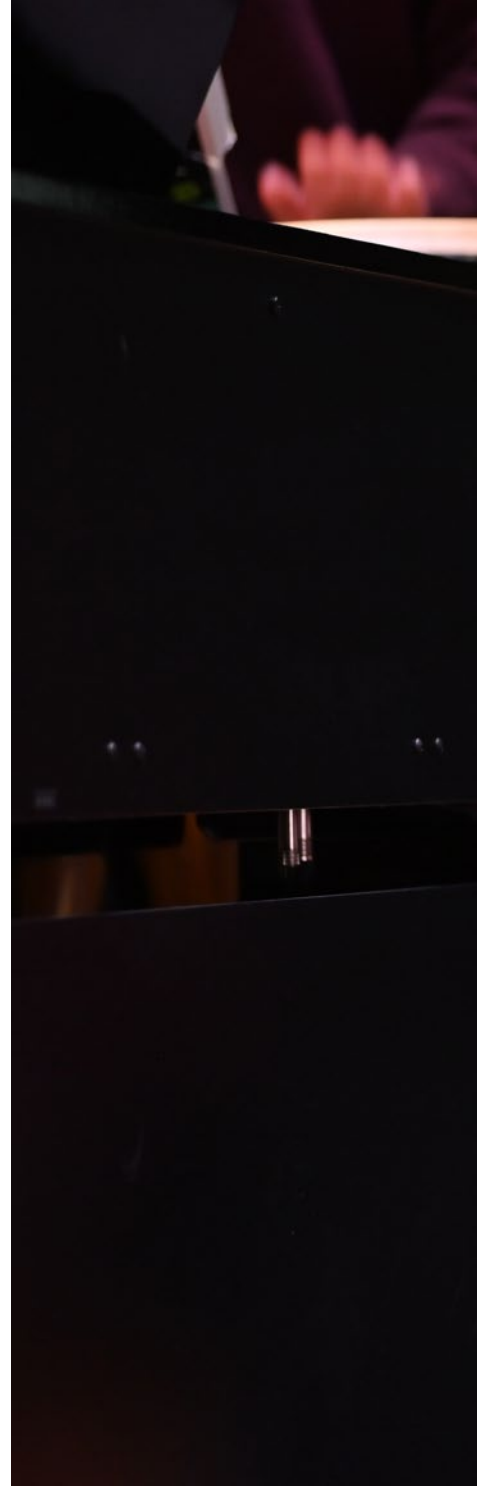
The Michael Currie Music Scholarship is awarded to one student from Years 10 to 12 on the basis of competitive audition. The value is a 15% rebate of tuition fees.

Considerations:

- This scholarship is for excellence in Musical performance and is maintained for the remainder of a student's life at Girton, on the basis of the fulfilment of the following criteria.
 - Excellence in musical endeavour and citizenship
 - Willingness to perform at School events and elsewhere
 - Encouragement and leadership of others in Music and in a broader context
 - Excellence in effort and dedication towards their studies and general School involvement

Procedure:

1. Advertising for the Michael Currie Scholarship to take place in during Term 1 for scholarship commencing the following Year.
2. Applications are open during Term 2
3. Performing Arts Administration receives applications and organises panel audition schedule taking place in Term 3
4. The panel's recommendations are presented to the Principal or delegate and interviews arranged
5. Scholarship offers are made by the Principal or delegate and recipient information provided to the Business Office via Performing Arts Administration
6. The Michael Currie Scholarship is reviewed annually by relevant music staff and the Head of Music in conjunction with the Principal.







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