



QUEENWOOD

*Per aspera ad astra*

# SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

Queenwood acknowledges the Cammeraigal people who are the traditional custodians of the land on which the School is built and we pay respect to Elders both past and present.

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## Welcome

Queenwood is a Kindergarten – Year 12 non-selective day school of 900 girls offering dual HSC and IB pathways. A rigorous academic curriculum within a balanced program of activities has been the hallmark of a Queenwood education for over 90 years. Within a strong learning community, we create space for our girls to engage with big ideas and connect with a diverse range of people and communities. The result is a contemporary liberal education designed to form young women equipped and motivated to make a difference.

As a small independent school managing approximately 60 – 100 scholarship applications, Queenwood has the capacity to assess each candidate individually. Applicants are invited to submit portfolios and references, and shortlisted candidates are invited to interview; their performance in the scholarship examination is considered in the context of these supporting materials. The goal is to uncover the full breadth of a student's capabilities and their capacity to contribute dynamically to the life of the School.

We recognise that a change in circumstances can happen at any time and may preclude a worthy candidate from applying in the first round of awards. For these families, we offer means-tested scholarships without the need for a candidate to sit an academic test. These grants are made in the term prior to the beginning of the academic year; they ensure that any girl who would thrive at Queenwood has the opportunity to attend, regardless of their family's financial circumstances.

Awards may include full or proportional fees remission and additional support such as mentorships, attendance at courses or workshops outside of school, working in small groups with like-minded students, specialised tuition, access to school facilities and assistance with equipment or travel.

To request an information pack, or to discuss your family's particular circumstances further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## Timetables



### 2022 Means-Tested Scholarships

#### Wednesday 1 September 2021

Applications open via [queenwood.nsw.edu.au/Enrolment/Scholarships](https://queenwood.nsw.edu.au/Enrolment/Scholarships)  
Applications reviewed on receipt.

#### Term 4 2021

Shortlisted candidates visit Queenwood for a tour and a trial day.

#### Christmas Break 2021

Shortlisted candidates return to Queenwood for panel interviews.

#### Christmas 2021

Recipients notified.



### 2023 Academic & Means-Tested Scholarships

#### Friday 1 October 2021

Applications open via [queenwood.nsw.edu.au/Enrolment/Scholarships](https://queenwood.nsw.edu.au/Enrolment/Scholarships)  
All applicants must register and pay for the Academic test on the AAS portal; once registered all further applications for scholarships or bursaries are free of charge. Bursary applicants who would like help completing the registration process or who are unable to pay the registration fee should contact the [DirectorOfAdmissions@queenwood.nsw.edu.au](mailto:DirectorOfAdmissions@queenwood.nsw.edu.au) for assistance.

#### Prospective Scholars Information Webinars

Register via [queenwood.nsw.edu.au/Enrolment/Book-a-tour](https://queenwood.nsw.edu.au/Enrolment/Book-a-tour)

#### Friday 4 February 2022

Applications close.

#### Saturday 12 February 2022

Music Scholarship auditions for shortlisted candidates.  
Subject to change according to COVID-19 guidance.

#### Sunday 13 February 2022

Scholarship testing. Subject to change according to COVID-19 guidance.

#### March 2021

Interviews for shortlisted candidates.

#### Easter 2021

Recipients notified.

## Bursaries

Bursaries are specifically designed for those who could not otherwise access a Queenwood education as they are means-tested.

Bursary recipients may receive additional benefits including mentoring from esteemed Old Girls, regular attendance at the Balmoral Lecture Series and participation in events as offered by the Principal.



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### Per Aspera Award 2022 (Second Round)

The Per Aspera Award recognises that in some circumstances academic records may not fully reflect the abilities of an able student. It aims to make the outstanding academic and extra-curricular offering at Queenwood available to a student of high potential who can develop into a young woman of energy, character and purpose.

#### COMMENCING YEARS 7 – 11 IN 2022

- Complete the PDF application form available at [queenwood.nsw.edu.au/Enrolment/Scholarships](https://queenwood.nsw.edu.au/Enrolment/Scholarships). The form requests information about your daughter including school reports and written references. The parents of shortlisted candidates are asked to supply CPA certified tax returns for three years and a statement of assets & liabilities. Applications will be reviewed on receipt.
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to the School in Term 4 2021 to spend a day with their prospective peers and learn about the programs, activities and opportunities offered at Queenwood (provided COVID-19 restrictions allow).
- In the week following their visit, candidates are asked to reflect on their visit and pen a letter to the Principal that briefly outlines their life story, explains how their lives might be enriched through their attendance at the School and what they expect to contribute if they join the community.
- Shortlisted candidates will return to the School at the beginning of the Christmas break for an informal discussion about the content of their letter. Successful candidates will be informed prior to Christmas.

## Bursaries continued



### Grace Lawrance Bursary 2023

The Grace Lawrance Bursary will be awarded on the basis of academic potential and ability to positively contribute to the life of the School. The Bursary covers tuition fees at Queenwood each year. As a Bursary is means-tested, parents of short-listed candidates will be asked to present their financial circumstances, signed by a registered chartered accountant or CPA.

This information will be kept strictly confidential.

#### COMMENCING YEAR 7 IN 2023

- Online application by 4 February 2022; contact [DirectorOfAdmissions@queenwood.nsw.edu](mailto:DirectorOfAdmissions@queenwood.nsw.edu) if your financial circumstances are such that you are unable to pay the application fee.
- Academic test on 13 February 2022
- NB: Bursary candidates are not expected to achieve the highest examination rank; awards are given to candidates exhibiting intellectual potential and an ability to positively contribute to the Queenwood community.
- Portfolio including a personal statement from the applicant and a written reference must be submitted at the registration desk on the day of the examination.
- The parents of shortlisted candidates will be asked to supply CPA certified tax returns for three years and a statement of assets & liabilities to the Director of Business & Finance. This information will be kept strictly confidential.
- Shortlisted candidates and their parents will be interviewed by a senior member of staff.



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#### COMMENCING YEARS 10 OR 11 IN 2023

- Online application by 4 February 2022; contact [DirectorOfAdmissions@queenwood.nsw.edu](mailto:DirectorOfAdmissions@queenwood.nsw.edu) if your financial circumstances are such that you are unable to pay the application fee.
- Academic test on 13 February 2022 .
- NB: Bursary candidates are not expected to achieve the highest examination rank; awards are given to candidates exhibiting intellectual potential and an ability to positively contribute to the Queenwood community.
- Portfolio including a personal statement from the applicant and a written reference must be submitted at the registration desk on the day of the examination.
- The parents of shortlisted candidates will be asked to supply CPA certified tax returns for three years and a statement of assets & liabilities to the Director of Business & Finance. This information will be kept strictly confidential.
- Shortlisted candidates and their parents will be interviewed by a senior member of staff.

## Scholarships

Scholarships provide opportunities for girls to develop their potential academically and in creative fields, while benefiting from education as part of the Queenwood School community. Scholars are expected to contribute broadly to school life and may be required to participate in particular activities or programs from year to year.

Scholarships are offered with part or full remission of fees. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of tests administered by an external academic assessor as well as additional subject-specific tests where relevant. The award of any scholarship is at the discretion of the Principal.

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All applicants for 2023 commencement must register for the academic test via the online system and then subsequently, may apply for other scholarships free of charge.




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### Academic Scholarship

An Academic Scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic potential and ability to contribute to the life of the School. Candidate who perform well in the academic test are interviewed by the Principal; awards are given at her discretion.

#### YEAR 7: 2023, YEAR 10: 2023, YEAR 11: 2023

- Online application by 4 February 2022 including NAPLAN results and most recent Academic School Report.
- Portfolios are optional and must be submitted at the registration desk on the day of the examination.
- Academic test on 13 February 2022.
- Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by a senior member of staff.
- Successful candidates will be notified by Easter.

The Academic Test - The examination measures performance in relation to the examination cohort. Questions are demanding and that not all students will complete each test within the time allowed. Students are assessed in:

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| ✓ <b>Abstract reasoning and problem solving</b> – this test assesses the ability to reason with and analyse information using verbal, mathematical, figural and spatial concepts.               | ✓ <b>Reading comprehension</b> – this test assesses the ability to remember, locate, analyse, evaluate, derive and combine text propositions with fiction and non-fiction texts of increasing complexity.                  |
| ✓ <b>Mathematics achievement and reasoning</b> – Students are assessed on mathematics reasoning tasks. These are different to curriculum-based mathematics and focus on problem-solving skills. | ✓ <b>Written Expression</b> – this test assesses students' facility with written language. A stimulus is provided for students to produce a piece of writing in a particular genre (e.g. narrative or persuasive writing). |

## Scholarships continued



### Build-Your-Own Scholarship

We are looking for curious, talented young women with demonstrated interests and abilities in any field to share their passion with the Queenwood community.

The BYO Scholarship seeks to identify uniquely gifted and talented students who may otherwise go unrecognised.

Specifically aimed at unconventional high potential students, the BYO Scholarship is for candidates with exceptional talent in a demonstrated skill.

The goal is to uncover the full breadth of a student's capabilities and capacity to contribute dynamically to the life of the School. While an academic scholarship is aimed at all round achievers, the BYO scholarship targets students who have highly developed skills in one particular academic area. Previous recipients have included writers, engineers, chess players and orators.

The award may include fees remission, proportional to the strength of the application, and additional support such as mentorships, attendance at courses or workshops outside of school, working in small groups with like-minded students, specialised tuition, access to school facilities and assistance with equipment or travel.

### YEAR 7: 2023, YEAR 10: 2023

- Online application by 4 February 2022 including NAPLAN results and most recent Academic School Report.
- Academic test on 13 February 2022.
- NB: BYO candidates are not expected to achieve the highest examination rank; awards are given to candidates exhibiting intellectual potential and an ability to dynamically contribute to the Queenwood community.
- Portfolios are required and must be submitted at the registration desk on the day of the examination.
- Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by panel members familiar with the candidate's specific area of interest.
- Successful candidates will be notified by Easter.

### Recommended portfolio inclusions

- ✓ A personal statement explaining the origins and development of your area of interest.
- ✓ 2-4 annotated exemplar work samples. Examples include: a brief film of you performing; an essay you wrote in your own time; an artwork; or an invention you constructed to remedy a problem.
- ✓ 2 written references from individuals supporting you in developing your specific area of interest. Examples include: the director of a youth drama production; a journalist mentoring an aspiring writer; or a community leader able to discuss your contribution to a social justice project.

## Scholarships continued



### Music Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to encourage excellence in Music and to develop the talents of gifted musicians and is tenable until Year 12, contingent on an annual review. Students of orchestral instruments, band instruments, voice or piano may be awarded either part or full remission of tuition fees based on the result of an examination and an audition/interview.

#### YEAR 7: 2023

- Online application by 4 February 2022 including NAPLAN results and most recent Academic School Report.
- Auditions on 12 February 2022. (shortlisted candidates only).
- Academic test on 13 February 2022.
- NB: Music candidates are not expected to achieve the highest examination rank; their performance in the test is considered in the context of the strength of the audition.
- Portfolios are optional and must be submitted at the registration desk on the day of the audition.
- Successful candidates will be notified by Easter.

#### Audition requirements

- ✓ Two contrasting pieces performed on the principal instrument and one on second instrument, if applicable.
- ✓ A short sight-reading test.
- ✓ A short aural test involving: sight-singing; listening (with questions about tonality, rhythm, metre etc); and a written test (with questions about notation, terminology).
- ✓ A short interview about the pieces performed and general musical interests will be conducted after the performances and aural test.
- ✓ Orchestral and band instrument standard should be at least 5th Grade AMEB or equivalent. Piano standard should be at least 6th Grade AMEB standard or equivalent.
- ✓ Applicants wishing to present the voice as an option for their second instrument may do so with permission and must provide evidence of involvement in vocal groups both in and out of school.



## Catalyst

The Catalyst Program supports high potential learners including scholars and enrolled students exhibiting exceptional skill or potential in a particular field of practice.

The Catalyst Coordinator works with individual girls and small groups to support their identified academic strengths and to develop in them the strategies needed to become autonomous learners.

In addition, a series of external competitions and programs are offered for girls wanting to pursue interests in particular fields.



### THE PROGRAMS ON OFFER IN 2022 MAY INCLUDE

- Academy Conferences
- Advanced Engineering & Technology
- Balmoral Lectures: distinguished presenters stimulate civil discourse and encourage wider public understanding of contemporary social and political issues
- da Vinci Decathlon
- Ethics Olympiad
- Future Problem Solving
- Gifted and Talented Secondary Teachers Association (GATSTA) workshops
- QResearch: a partnership with alumnae academics at Sydney University
- Mock Mediation
- Mock Trial
- Model United Nations
- Philosothon
- Tournament of Minds
- Women of Substance
- World Scholar's Cup

## Notes

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