

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDE

ALL YEAR 5-11 APPLICANTS FOR 2023

ALL YEAR 7 APPLICANTS FOR 2022



KOROWA
ANGLICAN GIRLS' SCHOOL

Who can apply?

Scholarship applications are open to all current and future students entering Years 5 - 11 in 2023 and Year 7 in 2022. Students may apply for more than one scholarship. Applications are open to Australian citizens and permanent residents only. All applicants must sit the Academic Assessment Services scholarship test and have attended a school tour prior to making an application.

How to apply

1. Complete the scholarship application form online via the School website. All applicants are required to register for the academic scholarship regardless of which scholarship is being applied for.
2. Submit an online portfolio by Friday 8 October 2021. The portfolio should be a brief representation of the student's most important achievements. The following must form part of the online portfolio:
 - a. A handwritten letter, written by the applicant and in the student's own words, to Principal Mrs Carmody outlining why she wishes to attend Korowa.
 - b. Scanned copy of the most recent school report.
 - c. Scanned copy of most recent NAPLAN results.
 - d. Scanned copy of any relevant supporting documentation; certificates, awards, photos of trophies.

(Please do not send hard copy portfolios to the School)
3. Attend the Scholarship test on testing day – Saturday 10 October 2021, 8.15am - 12.30pm.
4. Attend music auditions for musical scholarship applicants – Monday 18 October 2021. Applicants will be notified during the week of 11 October of their audition time.
5. Shortlisted candidates may be invited to an interview with the Principal, if required.

After Testing Day

Short listed candidates will be contacted within six to eight weeks of testing.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome in writing thereafter. It is unnecessary to call the School for the outcome.

Please note that scholarship results are not shared with applicants/parents.

Key Dates

~~WEDNESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2021~~

Scholarship applications open on the school website.

~~FRIDAY 8 OCTOBER 2021~~

NEW DATE: FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2021

Closing date for applications.

Uploaded portfolios including copies of student reports and a handwritten letter to the Principal outlining why the student wishes to attend Korowa must be uploaded at the time of application.

Portfolios should not be in hard copy format. Portfolios must be attached to the applications portal online.

~~SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 2021~~

NEW DATE: FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2021

Scholarship testing day.

8.15am - 12.30pm, held at Korowa. Please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions, only one parent should accompany the student to the School.

~~MONDAY 18 OCTOBER 2021~~

NEW DATE: MONDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2021

Music scholarship auditions.

The Music Department will contact families during the week of ~~11 October~~ **8 November** to arrange an audition time.

**These dates are subject to change depending on COVID-19 restrictions.*

On Testing Day

Registration begins at 8.15am at Korowa. Only one parent should accompany the child to the School.

Students should bring along two pencils and two pens, either black or blue, and a water bottle.

Juice and biscuits will be provided during the break, however if a student has any particular dietary requirements, they should provide their own snack.

Students should also bring along any medication as appropriate and asthma/anaphylaxis action plans and make themselves known to the staff on the morning of testing day.

Scholarships available in 2022 for entry into Year 7

General Excellence Sport Scholarship (Year 7 2022 only)

In conjunction with the opening of our new Sports and Wellbeing Centre in 2022, Korowa will offer a General Excellence Sport Scholarship to girls who demonstrate strong sporting ability in one or more sports, at a State or National level. There is an expectation that girls awarded a sport scholarship will make a significant contribution to the life of the School. General Excellence Sport Scholarship applicants are also required to sit the scholarship test, submit an online portfolio and prepare a one-minute pitch to a panel of Senior Sport Staff explaining their chosen sport and the benefits of sport to girls. Please note that only short-listed candidates will be required to present their pitch and students will be notified after test results are received.

This scholarship will be awarded in 2022 and continue from Year 7 to Year 12.

Scholarships available in 2023

Academic

Academic Scholarships are awarded to girls who demonstrate strong academic capabilities, based on the results of the scholarship test, an online portfolio and if required, an interview with the Principal.

General Excellence

General Excellence Scholarships are awarded to girls who will make a significant contribution to the life of the School. This may be through participation in sport, performing arts, community engagement or similar. This award is based on the results of the scholarship test, an online portfolio and, if required, an interview with the Principal.

Music

Music Scholarship applicants are also required to sit the scholarship test, submit an online portfolio and attend a music audition. These scholarships are awarded either in the form of music tuition fees *for a particular instrument that is taught* at the school or in combination with academic or general excellence scholarships. Applicants will be asked to provide the name(s) and contact details of their current music (instrument) teacher. Applicants will be required to prepare two pieces differing in style and tempo for their first instrument and, where applicable, one piece for their second instrument. Aural testing and an interview will also occur during the audition.

If the applicant requires an accompanist during the performance, they must make their own arrangements. Applicants will need to bring a copy of their most recent music examination report(s), a written report from their current music (instrument) teacher and information that demonstrates their involvement in the Performing Arts either within or outside their current school.

For students applying for Scholarships in Year 5/2023 and 6/2023 (currently in Year 3 or 4)

Students applying for a Music Scholarship must be studying at least one instrument at the following minimum AMEB Grade:

- AMEB Grade 2 (or equivalent) for Piano, Violin, Flute and Cello.
- AMEB Grade 1 (or equivalent) for other instruments, with special preference given for students who play Viola, Double Bass, Oboe and Lower Brass instruments, who are committed to learning these instruments but may not yet be at a Grade 1 standard.
- Voice scholarships are not offered in the Junior School.

For students applying for Scholarships in Year 7/2023 and above (currently in Year 5 and above)

Students applying for a Music Scholarship must be studying at least one instrument at the following minimum AMEB Grade:

- AMEB Grade 5 (or equivalent) for Piano, Violin and Flute
- AMEB Grade 4 (or equivalent) for Cello
- AMEB Grade 3 (or equivalent) for other instruments, with special preference given for students who play Viola, Double Bass, Oboe and Lower Brass instruments, who are committed to learning these instruments but may not yet be at a Grade 3 standard.

Singing is highly valued at Korowa. It is possible that examinations have not yet been undertaken in voice in this age group. Proof of strong choral training undertaken for at least two years will be considered equivalent to AMEB Grade 2 singing. (Letter of referral from school choral director, or a community/children's choir will be required.)

Completion of an AMEB examination is not necessary to gain a Music Scholarship, but students must present a repertoire of an equivalent standard at their audition.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Please be aware that should the Principal offer your child a scholarship, acceptance is required within two business days of the offer together with the application (\$150), enrolment (\$1300) and holding fees (\$2500). The School requires a holding fee of \$2500 per scholarship place. This fee will be credited against Term 2 tuition fees in the year of entry. Should the student not take up the place, the application, enrolment and holding fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- The scholarship covers a fee remission on tuition fees only. The Principal will determine the fee remission at time of interview and this may range from 25% to 50%. All other costs are charged as per the business regulations. Please note that Korowa does not offer 100% scholarships at any level, nor are scholarships negotiable.
- We expect that all scholarship recipients demonstrate a strong and abiding commitment to Korowa, therefore families are expected to return scholarship funds to the School should the child leave Korowa before the end of Year 12, unless the Principal approves otherwise.
- The terms and conditions of scholarships should remain confidential and any breach of confidentiality may result in the scholarship being revoked.

Frequently Asked Questions

Which testing organisation conducts the scholarship test at Korowa?

Korowa engages Academic Assessment Services.
www.academicassessment.com.au/

How many scholarships do you award?

This varies annually and at each year level and depends on the results of testing.

At what rate are scholarships awarded?

The School awards scholarships from 25% - 50% of the tuition fee. This amount is decided on an individual basis. Please note that scholarships apply only to the tuition fee and that other levies and charges will apply. Please note that Korowa does not offer full scholarships at any level, nor are scholarships negotiable.

What should the portfolio include?

Portfolios must be submitted online by the closing date and should include:

- A handwritten letter to the Principal, Mrs Carmody, written by the applicant outlining why they wish to attend Korowa.
- Copy of the most recent school report
- Copy of most recent NAPLAN results
- Copy of any relevant supporting documentation; certificates, awards, photos of trophies.

(Please do not send hard copy portfolios to the School.)

Where should I send my portfolio?

All portfolios must be submitted online. Hard copy documents will not be accepted.

Can I email the portfolio to the School?

No, all portfolios must be uploaded at the time of application. Emailed documents will not be accepted.

Why do I have to attend a tour before applying for a scholarship?

We require families visit the School before applying to ensure you and your daughter are confident that Korowa is the right school. Tours will not be possible during the offer period.

Music Scholarships: Will Korowa pay my child's current music teacher?

As Music Scholarships are awarded for a particular instrument that is taught at the School (or in combination with academic or general excellence scholarships), the School is not able to pay external music teachers. In the case where the primary instrument is advanced and the relationship between the current teacher and child is well established, the Music Scholarship will be applied to the second instrument and lessons will be undertaken at the School.

Music scholarships: What if the school does not have a teacher on staff in my chosen instrument?

Music teachers at Korowa are specialists in their field. Students should still apply and individual circumstances may be discussed.

Music scholarships: What level should my child be playing at in order to be considered for a music scholarship?

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If my child is successful, what is the process to accept the scholarship offer?

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What happens if I accept a scholarship and later change my mind?

All fees paid to date would be forfeited.

Can the School provide feedback on how my child could improve their application for future years?

Due to the volume of applications received and in fairness to all applicants, the School does not provide individual feedback on why an application may have been unsuccessful.