

Scholarship Policy



Policy Statement

Upwey High School will make available scholarships to assist incoming Year 7 students as a way of supporting achievement by students in both scholastic and practical areas. Some scholarships will be by application whilst others will be determined at the commencement of Term 2 by staff overseeing the relevant programs. The Scholarships assist in the purchase of Upwey High School related education requirements for these students who demonstrate the values of the school and excellence in the relevant field.

Guidelines		Program	
1.1	The School Council will be responsible for promoting the Scholarship system.	2.1.1	A maximum of 6 scholarships to the value of \$500 will be offered across several different areas.
		2.1.2	One Volleyball and one Instrumental Music scholarship shall be made available to students who would otherwise not have access to these programs Recipients shall be determined by the staff overseeing these programs.
		2.1.3	Students will apply for the following scholarships: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Academic - excellence across a range of subjects.</i>• <i>Aspirational – demonstrates clear goals for the future across one or more areas.</i>• <i>Leadership – sets a good example for others.</i>• <i>Sporting-sets a good example for others, is a good sport.</i>
		2.1.4	Only one scholarship is awarded in each category in any one year.
1.2	Recipients will be considered for a scholarship on the grounds that they have achieved consistently high results in the relevant field, live our school values and demonstrate a high level of commitment in all their school and community-based endeavors regardless of whether they are applying for a scholarship or being awarded one by a program.	2.2.1	Applicants applying for a scholarship will be judged comparatively, according to their responses to these criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Firm and undeniable demonstrated evidence of achievement in the relevant area.</i>• <i>Firm and undeniable demonstrated evidence of high-level personal skills.</i>• <i>Firm and undeniable demonstrated evidence of school values.</i>• <i>Willingness to commit to the relevant school program</i>
		2.2.2	Towards the end of Term 1 Year 7 students are invited to apply via an Expression of Interest email to the Middle Years Assistant Principal.
1.3	School Council will form a selection panel for the purpose of awarding Scholarships in the following categories: Academic, Aspiration, Leadership and Sporting.	2.3.1	There will be a panel formed to award scholarships. The panel will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- an Assistant Principal- a representative of School Council- two of the previous year's Scholarship winners
		2.3.2	The panel will interview applicants.

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- 1.4 All applicants will be kept informed throughout each stage of the selection process.
- 1.5 The scholarship is not a cash grant. Credit to the value of \$500 will be applied to the student's account.
- 1.6 Scholarship holders will be expected to contribute to the broader life of the school.

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- 2.4.1 Receipt of each Expression of Interest will be acknowledged by email.
- 2.4.2 Late applications will not be considered unless clear compassionate grounds have been accepted by the Principal.
- 2.4.3 All candidates will be contacted by email to notify an interview time.
- 2.4.4 At the end of the selection process all candidates are notified of the outcome in person by the Assistant Principal.
- 2.4.5 Successful applicants are presented with their scholarships at an assembly.
- 2.5.1 The credit amount is administered by the Administration of the school, until this amount is expended on those items deemed proper under the conditions of the award.
- 2.5.2 Winners of the Volleyball and Instrumental Music Scholarships will have the \$500 credited to those programs.
- 2.5.3 The Administration of the school will liaise with the recipient's family as to how the Scholarship credit will be used.
- 2.5.4 Credit must be expended in the year it is allocated.
- 2.6.1 Scholarship students may be required to represent the school at various school and public events.
- 2.6.2 Scholarship students are expected to uphold and clearly demonstrate the school values in their role.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's 3 year cycle or as required by developments in relevant legislation.

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