



KINROSS WOLAROI
— SCHOOL —

2027 Scholarship Guidelines

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ABOUT OUR SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

To acknowledge our diverse student population and encourage excellence, Kinross Wolaroi School is inviting applications for scholarships to students entering Years 5, or 7, 9 and 11 in 2027.

To be considered for a scholarship all candidates must sit the scholarship examination, which will be held on site at Kinross Wolaroi School on Monday 9 February 2026. Applicants must also complete an online application and submit supporting documentation as outlined in this document.

For all students entering Year 5 in 2027, the scholarship will continue until the end of Year 6 and for all students entering Year 7, 9 or 11 in 2027, the scholarship will continue until the end of Year 12; provided the successful scholar continues to meet the terms and conditions of the scholarship.

Candidates may apply for more than one scholarship and/or bursary. There is no additional fee if you would like to apply for more than one category.

SCHOLARSHIPS ON OFFER IN 2027

The following scholarships are on offer in the following categories:

- Academic Scholarship
- General Excellence Scholarship
- Boarding Bursary
- Music or Performing Arts Scholarship
- Crescendo Music Scholarship
- Ex-student Scholarship

Please refer to the specific scholarship details for each individual category on offer.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

To be eligible for a scholarship at Kinross Wolaroi School, the applicant must be an Australian citizen or be a permanent resident of Australia. Applications are open to different categories depending on the scholarship or bursary type.

Different conditions and criteria apply to the different scholarship categories; please review the information under each category for eligibility.

HOW ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED?

Academic scholarships are awarded based on the results of the compulsory scholarship examination that is held on site on Monday 9 February 2026.

Scholarships in categories other than academic scholarships must sit the scholarship examination and fulfil the other scholarship category criteria.

In all categories, shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an interview with the Principal. Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Principal. The Principal's decision is final and no further correspondence will be entered into.

Families will be notified by letter as soon as possible after the awards have been made.



Scholarship holders are expected to contribute to the Kinross Wolaroi School community and awards are subject to satisfactory progress and annual review.

No family discounts or other remissions will apply.

The scholarship does not cover charges for school services not included in the tuition fee, for example, uniform shop purchases, private music lessons, musical instrument hire, participation in Cadets or School bus services.

REQUIREMENTS OF ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

The information below is relevant for all scholarship applicants. Please note that if you are applying for more than one scholarship category, there may be specific criteria that you will also need to meet for each category.

- Applicants must register for the scholarship examination via the Kinross Wolaroi School website: www.kws.nsw.edu.au/scholarships.
- When registering you will be required to pay the scholarship registration fee of \$150 online. There is no additional fee if you would like to apply for more than one category. The closing date for registrations is Friday 23 January 2026.
- Applicants must provide the School with supporting documentation, including copies of the student's two most recent school reports and a copy of the student's most recent NAPLAN results (if applicable). All required documents must be uploaded online at the time of registration, and by 23 January 2026. Applications will not be considered if the required documentation is not provided at the time of registration.
- Applicants must attend the scholarship examination held on site at Kinross Wolaroi School on Monday 9 February 2026. If you are applying for more than one scholarship category, you will need to check the scholarship criteria for all applicable categories on the following pages.
- After the Scholarship Examination Day, shortlisted students who are NOT currently enrolled at the school will be invited to a selection interview with the Principal. Students currently attending the school will not be required to attend an interview.

SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

What is covered in an Academic Scholarship?

An Academic Scholarship may be awarded up to 75% of tuition fees applicable to enrolment.

Who can apply for an Academic Scholarship?

- Applications will be accepted from current students of Kinross Wolaroi School or a student who is not yet enrolled at the School.
- Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia.
- Applicants must be entering Years 5, or 7, 9 or 11 in 2027.



Additional criteria for Academic Scholarship applicants:

Applicants may also submit any further documentation they consider relevant to support the application for an Academic Scholarship.

GENERAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

What is covered in a General Excellence Scholarship?

A General Excellence Scholarship may be awarded up to 50% of the annual tuition fees applicable to enrolment and acknowledges an all-round high achiever.

Who can apply for a General Excellence Scholarship?

- Applications will be accepted from current students of Kinross Wolaroi School or a student who is not yet enrolled at the School.
- Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia.
- Applicants must enter Year 5, 7, 9 or 11 in 2027.

Additional criteria for General Excellence applicants:

Applicants are assessed using a combination of the following selection criteria:

- excellent academic records
- sporting achievements
- participation and achievement in the arts (music, performance or visual arts)
- examples of leadership and community service
- demonstrated contribution to the candidate's current school community and passion and potential for contributing to Kinross Wolaroi School.
- any further documentation they consider relevant to support the application for the General Excellence Scholarship.

BOARDING BURSARY

What is covered in a Boarding Bursary?

A Boarding Bursary may be awarded up to 100% of the accommodation component of the annual boarding fee, not including the 'food' component.

Who can apply for a Boarding Bursary?

Applications will be accepted from current students of Kinross Wolaroi or a student who is not yet enrolled at the School as follows.:

- Year 7 – open to all applicants
- Years 9 and 11 – open to external students only

Additional criteria for Boarding Bursary applicants:

As part of their supporting documentation, applicants must provide a handwritten essay as follows:



- Applicants should write about what they are most looking forward to as a boarder and how they will contribute to the community of the School. The essay should be between 500 and 1000 words and must be the applicant's own work.
- Applicants should also submit any further documentation they consider relevant to support the application for a Boarding Bursary.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AND CRESCENDO MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

What is covered in a Music Scholarship and Crescendo Music Scholarship

A Music Scholarship may be awarded up to 50% of the annual tuition fees applicable to enrolment and the Crescendo Music Scholarship may be awarded up to 100% of the annual tuition fees applicable to enrolment.

Who can apply for a Music Scholarship and Crescendo Music Scholarship?

- Applications will be accepted from current students of KWS or a student who is not yet enrolled at the School.
- Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia.
- Applicants must have reached a minimum performance standard of Grade 4 AMEB or equivalent to apply.
- Applicants must be entering Year 7, 9, or 11 in 2027.

Additional criteria for Music Scholarship and Crescendo Music Scholarship applicants:

- Applicants must provide any copies of music certificates they have received.
- Applicants should be at a minimum level of Grade 4 AMEB (or equivalent).
- Applicants must attend a music audition and complete a sight reading and listening test.
- Successful music scholarship recipients must be involved in at least 3 co-curricular Performing Arts ensembles and crescendo scholarship recipients must be involved in at least 4 ensembles for the duration of their scholarship.
- Successful music scholarship recipients will be strongly encouraged to take Elective Music in Year 9 or 11 (depending on entry level at KWS).
- Please note that private music tuition does not have to take place at KWS.

Music Audition:

- Applicants must attend a music audition which will comprise: playing one piece which best highlights their capacity on their chosen instrument/s (around 2-4 mins. duration); sight reading a short passage; listening test. Sight reading and listening tests will be within the ability range of the applicant.
- If the applicant chooses to audition with an accompanist, this must be arranged by the applicant. Students may also audition without an accompanist.
- Applicants are expected to bring an extra copy of the music to be performed for the staff to peruse during the performance.

Applicants will be contacted after the scholarship application closing date by the KWS Performing Arts Administrator to arrange an appointment time for the audition, test and interview. This will usually occur on the afternoon of Scholarship Day, following the examination on Monday 10 February 2025 in the KWS Music Centre.



Please note that while some students may have high musical potential based on their performance in the past, it does not necessarily mean they will perform to that level on the day. The Audition is designed to test the performance of students. The School uses the audition as its main criteria for selection of students for the awarding of Music Scholarships and the Crescendo Music Scholarship.

Applicants may also submit any further documentation they consider relevant to support the application for a Music Scholarship. Supporting documentation must be uploaded online as part of your registration process.

PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP (YEAR 5 ONLY)

A Performing Arts Scholarship may be awarded for up to 75% of the annual tuition fees applicable to enrolment and acknowledges a student whose strength is in music, dance or drama.

Who can apply for a Performing Arts Scholarship?

- Applications will be accepted from external students only.
- Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia.
- Applicants must have reached a minimum performance standard of Grade 2 AMEB or equivalent, on an instrument other than piano OR have certificates and achievements in dance and drama.
- Applicants must be entering Year 5 in 2027.

Performing Arts Scholarship Auditions:

Upon invitations for interview, applicants for the Performing Arts Scholarships will be required to:

- Present one prepared piece in their chosen area of expertise and
- Music students will be required to complete a short aural test and grade appropriate sight-reading
- Drama students will be required to recite a provided impromptu poem or prose
- Dance students will be required to create a short self-choreographed item to a short piece of provided music

EX-STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

What is covered in an Ex-Student Scholarship

An Ex-Student Scholarship covers up to 25% of the annual tuition fees applicable to enrolment. No family discounts or other remissions will apply.

Who can apply for an Ex-student Scholarship?

- Applications will be accepted from current students of KWS or a student who is not yet enrolled at the School.
- Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia.
- Applicants must be the child of an Ex-student of Kinross Wolaroi School in its various forms.
- Applicants must be entering Year 11 in 2027.

Additional criteria for Ex-student Scholarship applicants:

As part of their supporting documentation, applicants should provide evidence and details of the applicant's



parent who attended Kinross Wolaroi School, the Kinross School, The Presbyterian Ladies College Orange or Wolaroi College, including the School that they attended and when they were enrolled.

Applicants may also submit any further documentation they consider relevant to support the application for an Ex-student Scholarship. One Ex-student Scholarship may be awarded to a student entering Year 11 in 2027.

KWS SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

Please take into account the following conditions before applying:

- KWS Scholarships are not transferable to another school or student.
- KWS Scholarships do not include any incidental expenses such as uniforms, textbooks, stationery, transport costs etc.
- Items of personal expenditure (for example, toiletries, casual clothes etc.) are not included in the Scholarship.
- All Scholarship recipients NOT currently enrolled in the School will be required to undertake the School's enrolment process, including the completion of enrolment forms, payment of monies and submission of appropriate documentation.
- As per the Kinross Wolaroi School Scholarship Policy, no 'Sibling Discount' will apply to the applicant if granted a Scholarship.
- The Scholarship holder will be subject to all the rules and regulations of the School in the same way as are all other students. This extends to the School's behaviour management policy and to the School's right to dismiss the student if, in the School's opinion, such action becomes necessary.
- No family discounts or other remissions will apply. The scholarship does not cover charges for school services not included in the tuition fee, for example, levies, uniform shop purchases, textbooks, stationery, laptops private music lessons, musical instrument hire, cadets or school bus services.
- Kinross Wolaroi School reserves the right not to award a Scholarship if, in its opinion, no applicant is worthy of the award.

The continuation of the Scholarship will be contingent upon the student's:

- Continued academic performance at a level deemed satisfactory by the Principal.
- Continued participation and involvement in the extra-curricular life of the School to the Principal's satisfaction.
- Dress, bearing, manners and behaviour continuing to be of a high standard, and to the satisfaction of the Principal.
- Fees and other monies owing to the School or its agencies being paid promptly.
- The School may terminate any Scholarship at any time, where in its opinion, the terms of the award are not being met.



KWS SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

Please see below, a checklist of all support documentation required.

SCHOLARSHIP TYPE	CURRENT STUDENT	NEW STUDENT
Academic Scholarship	Application Form Online	Application Form Online 2 x School Reports NAPLAN
Boarding Bursary	Not available	Application Form Online 2 x School Reports NAPLAN Handwritten Essay Supporting documentation (may include certificates, records of achievement, references)
General Excellence Scholarship	Application Form Online Supporting documentation (may include certificates, records of achievement, references)	Application Form Online 2 x School Reports NAPLAN Supporting documentation (may include certificates, records of achievement, references)
Music Scholarship	Application Form Online Music Certificates (Must also attend an audition)	Application Form Online 2 x School Reports NAPLAN Music Certificates (Must also attend an audition)
Music Crescendo Scholarship	Application Form Online Music Certificates (Must also attend an audition)	Application Form Online 2 x School Reports NAPLAN Music Certificates (Must also attend an audition)
Performing Arts Scholarship (Year 5 only)	Not available	Application Form Online 2 x School Reports NAPLAN Music Certificates or achievements in dance/drama Reference from relevant dance, music, drama teacher (Must also attend an audition)
Ex-student Scholarship	Application Form Online Proof of Parents Schooling	Application Form Online 2 x School Reports NAPLAN Proof of Parent's Schooling



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Applications for financial assistance are considered on a case-by-case basis and are subject to a formal application process that is not part of the Scholarship/Bursary process. Offers for a supported enrolment (that is, one that has financial assistance attached to it) are made at the discretion of the School. Any such offer is subject to vacancies being available following the consideration of all offers of enrolment for full-fee paying enrolments.

For further information regarding applications for financial assistance please contact the Office of the Executive Director, Corporate and Governance on 02 6392 0310.