

STUDENT TUITION FEE SUPPORT POLICY

(Effective from 1st October, 2016, with all current Scholarships and Bursaries to be reviewed at the end of the 2016 school year in line with the following policy)

The Essington School Darwin:

- (i) recognizes excellence in student performance with a limited number of General Excellence Scholarships;
- (ii) encourages community, business and individuals in funding scholarships for excellence;
- (iii) has established an Australian Tax Office tax deductible Scholarship and Bursary Fund to allow community, business, and individuals to support Scholarships and Bursaries for new and currently enrolled students at The Essington School Darwin;
- (iv) is seeking support from community, business and school families to provide donations to the Scholarship and Bursary Fund to enable the School to fund academic academic scholarships and bursaries from this Fund;
- (v) is seeking support from community, business and school families to provide donations to the Scholarship and Bursary Fund to enable the School to fund specific scholarships and bursaries in Sport and the Arts from this Fund;
- (vi) is able to assist a limited number of new students who demonstrate high achievement in several areas, but are unable to financially attend the school, and who would benefit from an Essington education with Tuition Fee Bursaries;
- (vii) is able to acknowledge a small number of currently enrolled students with partial Tuition Fee Scholarships for General Excellence.

Student Tuition Fee Support: Scholarships

Scholarships:

- (i) are awarded to new students not currently enrolled at the school applying for entry from Years 7 to 12, and provides a 50% scholarship on Tuition Fees only;
- (ii) a limited number of current students enrolled at the school who demonstrate significant excellence in more than one area, and provides a 25% scholarship on Tuition Fees only;
- (iii) are awarded for general excellence to a student who may demonstrate very high achievement in one area of academic studies, Sport, or the Arts, or in several areas;
- (iv) also include the applicant's extracurricular activities and community service;
- (v) contribute to their school community and local community in a significant way, and is expected to continue to contribute;
- (vi) are based on a student's NAPLAN assessments, ACER assessments, ICAS assessments, and other national and international assessments, and school reports for the previous three years; references required from appropriate persons to confirm a student's excellence in a specific area;

- (vii) are awarded to students who uphold the values and aims of The Essington School Darwin.
- (viii) are very competitive because of the significant high achievement demonstrated by average students of The Essington School Darwin on NAPLAN, PIRLS, PISA, TIMMS and other national and international assessments compared to average students in Australian schools.
- (ix) funded by donations to the Scholarship and Bursary Fund with criteria applying to different areas of excellence as identified by the donor;
- (x) are reviewed annually against a student's performance and positive contributions to the School community and school's ability to fund scholarships.
- (xi) are only provided to students who are Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia.
- (xvii) require an interview and at times a student may be required to sit for an academic assessment test nominated by the School
- (xviii) reviewed annually and are dependent on the School's ability to fund scholarships.

Student Tuition Fee Support: Bursaries

Bursaries:

- (i) are given for short to medium term to assist students who are financially unable to pay the fees and levies to attend The Essington School Darwin due to current or changed family financial circumstances;
- (ii) applied for by parents/guardian who believe they are unable to contribute the normal fees and levies of The Essington School Darwin;
- (iii) applications are supported with evidence of financial hardship that might include a copy of Australian Taxation Office returns, Centrelink reference number, family law court documentation, supporting references from community support organisations, or other financial information requested by the School.
- (iv) funded by donations to the Scholarship and Bursary Fund with criteria applying to different areas of excellence as identified by the donor;
- (v) are reviewed annually against a student's performance and positive contributions to the School community.
- (vi) are only provided to students who are Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia.
- (vii) require an interview and at times a student may be required to sit for an academic assessment test nominated by the School.

Criteria:

When applying for either a Scholarship or a Bursary, students should address the following criteria and provide the following information:

- (i) provide details about activities you have been involved in at school and in your community, as well as what you hope to achieve after your education at The Essington School Darwin;
- (ii) when providing details on school activities, you should consider instances where you have been selected or volunteered to undertake leadership roles and/or

extra-curricula activities that have benefitted your school community. These might include school leadership roles (e.g., school captain, house captain or student representative council), coached or mentored other students, (Please note, successful involvement in activities should be beyond normal participation in regular school activities expected of all students).

- (iii) represented your school in academic, sporting, Arts or extracurricular activities, such as inter-school sports, debating, music ensembles or school productions.
- (iv) evidence of the student or family supporting school fundraising activities or other voluntary school activities;
- (v) clearly articulated aspirations or preferred career or study pathway, and demonstrated persistence, resilience and independence in pursuing these aspirations.
- (vi) personal and achievement references from suitable referees provided by the applicant or required by the School
- (vii) parents are prepared to sign a Scholarship or Bursary agreement stating terms and conditions of the Scholarship or Bursary on behalf of any student under 18 years of age.

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