

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDE

2025 for 2027

Mentone Girls' Grammar is passionate about empowering girls and fostering their talents and abilities through education. Each year we offer a variety of scholarships. It is our way of investing in the bright futures of young women. We look forward to welcoming each new scholar on their journey of growth and success.

Who can apply?

- Scholarship applications are open to all current and future students entering Years 5 - 10 in 2027, and where indicated to external students entering Year 11 in 2026.
- All applicants must sit the Academic Assessment Services scholarship test, regardless of category of scholarship applied for. www.academicassessment.com.au
- Applicants must have attended a school tour prior to making an application.
- Students may apply for more than one scholarship.
- Applications are open to Australian citizens and permanent residents only.

Important Dates

Applications open	Monday 16 June 2025
Applications close	Monday 8 September 2025
Testing date	Saturday 13 September 2025 8.15am-12.30pm
Music and other auditions	Week of 15 September 2025
Shortlisted applicant's interviews	Commence first week of Term 4

What scholarships will we offer in 2027?

VCE Scholarship

Awarded to students entering Year **11/2026** or Year **10/2027**. Awarded to students that perform at a high academic level in the scholarship exam and show an exemplary aptitude at interview with the Principal.

This Scholarship is open to *external* applicants only.



Academic Scholarships

Awarded to students that perform at the highest academic level in the scholarship exam and show an exemplary aptitude at interview with the Principal.

General Excellence Scholarships

Awarded to students with strong academic ability and talent and passion in a range of interests. This may include the Performing Arts, Visual Art, and other co-curricular interests. General Excellence students are required to complete the academic exam and submit a portfolio, which may include references from current teachers/mentors, summary of recent participation and awards. Shortlisted candidates may be invited to submit a video audition or attend in-person.

Sport Scholarships

Awarded to students with strong academic ability who are also competing at State or National level in their chosen sport. Students will be required to complete the academic exam and submit a portfolio outlining recent participation and sporting awards and a reference from their current sports coach. Sport Scholarships include but are not limited to the following sports: Aquatics (Swimming, Diving, Water Polo), Athletics & Cross Country, Australian Rules Football, Netball and Soccer.

Music Scholarships

Awarded to students with strong academic ability who are also talented and passionate musicians that meet the selection criteria. Students are required to sit the scholarship exam and provide a portfolio. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend a music audition and will sit a musicianship test at that time. The portfolio should include the name(s) and contact details of their current music (instrument) teacher, a copy of their most recent music examination report(s) (where applicable), 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. 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. If the applicant requires an accompanist during the performance, they must make their own arrangements, however if you require assistance with finding an accompanist, please contact the music office. Music scholarships will be awarded either in the form of music tuition fees for a particular instrument that is taught at the school or in combination with other scholarships.



For students applying for Music Scholarships in Year 5/2027 and 6/2027 (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 (or equivalent):

- 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, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone and/or Lower Brass instruments, who are committed to learning these instruments but may not yet be at a Grade 1 standard.

For students applying for Music Scholarships in Year 7/2027 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 (or equivalent):

- AMEB Grade 5 (or equivalent) for Piano and Violin
- AMEB Grade 4 (or equivalent) for Cello and Flute
- AMEB Grade 3 (or equivalent) for other instruments, with special preference given for students who play Viola, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone and/or 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 Mentone Girls' Grammar. It is possible that examinations have not yet been undertaken in singing. Proof of strong choral training undertaken for at least two years will be considered equivalent to AMEB Grade 2 singing (a letter of referral from the school choral director; or a community/children's choir will be required.)

Means Tested Scholarship

Aline Darke Perpetual Scholarship (for new students commencing in Year 9 or 10 only).

The Aline Darke Perpetual Scholarship assists students to access an education at Mentone Girls' Grammar that they may otherwise not have been able to afford. Alumnae, Aline Darke OAM, generously contributed to the Scholarship Fund in the hope that girls with demonstrated academic potential and leadership skills could thrive from a quality education as she did. This scholarship is means tested and offers 100% remission of tuition fees. Families will be responsible for consolidated fees, uniform, textbooks and voluntary camps and activities. Students will be required to complete the academic exam and submit supporting documentation regarding financial circumstances.



HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete the application form online

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.

Students may select more than one scholarship. Applications will open on **Monday 16 June 2025**.

Applicants must have attended a school tour prior to making an application.

2. Submit student application

Apply by 5.00pm on **Monday 8 September 2025**.

The following must form part of the online application:

- Answer the relevant questions on the application form per scholarship
- Most recent school report
- Most recent NAPLAN results
- Recent photo of the student
- Supporting documentation where required.

(Please note that hard copy documents will not be accepted at the School).

3. Testing Day

Attend the Scholarship test on **Saturday 13 September 2025, 8.15am - 12.30pm**.

4. Music and other Auditions

Attend auditions for shortlisted musical/other scholarship applicants during the week of 15 September 2025. Applicants will be notified during the week of 8 September 2025 of their audition time.

5. Interview

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview with the Principal commencing the first week of Term 4.

On Testing Day

Please arrive at 8.15am via Gate D at 11 Mentone Parade, Mentone. Staff will be waiting to greet you and accompany your daughter to the testing area. Year 3 students are to be collected at 12.15pm, all other students will be ready for pick at 12.30pm.

Students should bring along two pencils and two pens, either black or blue, a water bottle and a snack to eat during the break. Parents will not have access to their children during the break.

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.



After Testing Day

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted within 3-4 weeks of testing.

All other applicants will be notified of the outcome by email when the scholarship process is complete. Please note that this process can take up to three months, we appreciate your patience. Please do not contact the School regarding the progress of scholarships, all applicants will be contacted.

Please note that Scholarship results are not shared with families.

It is important to note the following:

- Should your child be successful in attaining a scholarship offer, you will be required to accept the place within 2 business days. The application fee (\$200), admission confirmation fee (\$1000) and the holding deposit (\$2000) will be due at the time of accepting the offer. The holding deposit will be credited to the Term 2 fees in the year of commencement. Should the student not take up the place, the application, admission 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 the time of offer, and this may range from 25% to 50%. All other costs are charged as per the School's business regulations. Please note that Mentone Girls' Grammar does not offer scholarships greater than 50% off tuition fees, nor are scholarships negotiable.
- We expect that all scholarship recipients demonstrate a robust and enduring commitment to Mentone Girls' Grammar, therefore families are expected to repay all scholarship funds to the School should the child leave 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

What is the exam application fee?

\$150.00

Can my daughter apply for more than one scholarship?

Yes. Please register your daughter for any Scholarship award for which she might be eligible. There is no additional charge to apply for more than one Scholarship.

Which testing organisation conducts the scholarship test at Mentone Girls' Grammar?

Mentone Girls' Grammar engages Academic Assessment Services.

<http://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?

Scholarships offered range from 25% to 50% off the tuition fee. Scholarships apply to the tuition fee only; other consolidated levies and charges will apply.

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

We highly recommend that families visit the School before applying to ensure that you and your child are confident that Mentone Girls' Grammar is the right school for you and your family. Tours will not be available during the offer period.

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.

Can my daughter apply for a scholarship without sitting the test?

No. Scholarships will only be awarded to those who participate in the full examination process.

My daughter will require special provisions to sit the exam, will you support her?

If your daughter has a formal diagnosis (including acute/chronic illness, impairment or disability, including learning disorders) and requires special provisions to complete the exam, please contact the School directly to discuss. You will be required to provide evidence of her diagnosis to arrange special provisions.

When will we know if we have been successful?

Usually in the third week after the examination, the School will be in contact with shortlisted candidates to schedule interviews with the Principal. We will also notify students who are not successful at the conclusion of the process.

Once the process is complete, all applicants will receive an email advising of the end of the program.

