

# 2026 SCHOLARSHIPS



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# GENERAL INFORMATION

**Newcastle Grammar School is committed to supporting all students to achieve their potential. Our Scholarship Program provides the opportunity for outstanding and dedicated students to become part of the Newcastle Grammar School community. The Scholarships assist families with tuition costs and provides students with access to a range of opportunities and experiences through our High Performing Students Program.**

In 2026 we are offering scholarships in the following areas:

## ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

**Available for students entering Year 7 and Year 11 in 2026.**

Academic scholarships are awarded to students who display exceptional potential in intellectual pursuits and high academic performance. They are highly engaged in their learning, curious about the world and enjoy exploring challenging concepts. They also contribute to their school and demonstrate positive character traits.

## SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

**Available for students entering Year 7 in 2026.**

Sport scholarships are awarded to students who display exceptional potential in the physical domain, evidenced by outstanding skills in a sporting context. They have achieved at a high level (*Regional representation or above*) in their chosen field and demonstrated strengths in perseverance, resilience and teamwork. They also contribute to their school across other domains and demonstrate positive character traits.

## CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS (CAPA) SCHOLARSHIPS

**Available for students entering Year 7 in 2026.**

CAPA scholarships are awarded to students who display exceptional potential in areas such as music, drama, design and visual arts. They are creative, imaginative and inventive, producing original and highly skilled work. They also contribute to their school and demonstrate positive character traits.

# ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES

**Applications are open to all students (except students who currently hold an NGS scholarship).**

Applicants must be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident.

External applicants must complete an Application for Enrolment prior to applying for a scholarship.

External applicants are required to attend a School Tour on Thursday 20 February 2025.

All scholarship applicants are required to sit the Academic Scholarship Examination.



# APPLICATION

## REGISTRATION

Registration is currently open for 2026 scholarships..

## CLOSING DATE

**Strictly 4.00pm Monday 24 February 2025**

## APPLICATION FEE

An application fee of \$150.00 is required to be paid online directly to Academic Assessment Services. An enrolment application (\$330.00) for external students must be submitted via the NGS website before a Scholarship Application can be lodged.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students who wish to apply for a Scholarship must apply for the Academic Assessment Services examination by the strict closing date – **Monday 24 February 2025 4.00pm**. Students will sit the Scholarship examination which will be held at the School on Wednesday 5 March 2025 commencing at 8.30am.

All applications must be received online by Academic Assessment Services by the closing date. Additional information and portfolio (if required – see Discipline Specific Additional

Application Requirements) must be submitted prior to **4.00pm on Monday 24 February 2025** to be considered. Additional information may be submitted via email attachments to Rowena.McGowan@ngs.nsw.edu.au or be addressed to the Head of Enrolments and marked Private and Confidential. If this additional information is not submitted by **4.00pm Monday 24 February 2025** the Application will not be considered.

# EXAMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

## EXAMINATION

All Students who wish to apply for a Scholarship at Newcastle Grammar School in 2026 will be required to sit for the Academic Assessment Services Examination paper, which will be held at the School on **Wednesday 5 March 2025 commencing at 8.30am.**

Please note: All students (**all disciplines**) must sit for the examination on the same date at Newcastle Grammar School. We are unable to accept preferencing for a different date or provide for the Examination at an alternate school campus or alternate time. Please ensure that you have no conflicting work, sporting or social commitments.

## SELECTION

The Scholarship candidates will be selected based on the assessment of the following criteria where appropriate:

- Academic Assessment Services Scholarship Application Form
- Academic Assessment Services Scholarship Examination results
- Supplementary information / portfolio
- Additional Examination / Audition / Interview (Creative Performing Arts, Music & Sport)
- Demonstrate a genuine interest and commitment in chosen area at a high level
- Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the School and the School's decision is final.

## PROCESS FOR AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS

1. A Scholarship Committee is responsible for reviewing academic results, applications and audition / interview results
2. A shortlist is established
3. Shortlisted students and parents are invited to an interview
4. A Scholarship may be awarded based on the outcome of the interview

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# DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS



# ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

**Available for students entering Year 7 and Year 11 only in 2026.**

All Academic Scholarship candidates are required to sit the Academic Examination on Wednesday 5 March 2025.

Additionally, candidates will be required to submit the last two school reports and most recent NAPLAN results prior to closure 4.00pm Monday 24 February 2025.





# SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

Available for students entering **Year 7 in 2026**.

All Sport Scholarship candidates are required to sit the Academic Examination on Wednesday 5 March 2025.

All Sport Scholarship candidates will have achieved at least at a Regional Representative level.

## ADDITIONALLY, CANDIDATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO:

- Submit last two school reports.
- Submit a short biography outlining sporting achievements.
- Complete an online profile via the scholarship application.
- Attend an applicant and parent interview with committee members if shortlisted. This interview will be organised after the results and portfolios have been reviewed.

The additional information must be submitted to the School by 4.00pm Monday 24 February 2025 and be addressed to the Head of Enrolments and marked Confidential.

It is suggested that candidates applying for Scholarships in 2026 must be at or above the levels outlined below:

- Regional Representative (e.g. Hunter Region PSSA, NSW CIS, Polding) or above for one or more sports.

Sports Scholarship holders are expected to be fully involved in the co-curricular sporting offerings of the school and to represent NGS in their chosen sports among others on offer for which the successful candidate is selected.



# CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Available for students entering **Year 7 in 2026.**

- All CAPA Scholarship candidates are required to sit the Academic Examination on Wednesday 5 March 2025.
- Candidates will be required to submit their last two school reports and most recent NAPLAN results.
- One-page CV detailing any relevant performance experience or achievements.

After the closing date, the list of candidates will be allocated an audition / interview time at the School, based on their artistic discipline.

CAPA Scholarship candidates should consider which of the artistic disciplines they would to be assessed on, outlined below. If candidates have strengths in more than one area, they should present their strongest artistic discipline and share their other experience on their application and during their interview. If a potential CAPA candidate's artistic discipline falls beyond the scope of the areas described below they are to contact the School for direction.

## MUSIC

**Candidates will be required to:**

- Perform at least one work on each instrument studied. (If only one instrument, then two works will be required)
- Answer questions relating to the performed works
- Attempt an aural and sightreading test.

**It is suggested that candidates considering applying for CAPA Scholarships (Music):**

- Are receiving private tuition for their instrument(s).
- Have achievement in AMEB, Trinity, or its equivalent in performance experience.

CAPA Scholarship (Music) holders are required to study Elective Music in Years 9 to 12. They are also expected to be fully involved in the co-curricular music life of the School and to perform, as required, by the School.

# DRAMA

## Candidates will be required to:

- Perform two contrasting monologues of two-minutes length
- Answer questions relating to the performed works
- Deliver an unseen piece of text

## It is suggested that candidates considering applying for CAPA Scholarships (Drama):

- Are receiving private or group Drama tuition
- Have achievement in Trinity Speech and Drama, similar programs, or its equivalent performance experience

CAPA Scholarship (Drama) holders are required to study Elective Drama in Years 9 to 12. They are also expected to be fully involved in the co-curricular life of the School and to perform, as required, by the School.



# VISUAL ARTS/DESIGN/FILMMAKING

## Candidates will be required to:

- Submit a portfolio of original work (same/cross) mediums—delivered personally, by mail or courier to the Hill Campus Reception prior to the closing date. Digital mediums to be submitted on a USB.
- Answer questions relating to the submitted portfolio of works (20 minutes).

## It is suggested that candidates considering applying for CAPA Scholarships (Visual Arts/Design/Filmmaking):

- Are receiving private or group tuition, or workshop experiences
- Have achievement in exhibitions, competitions, or programs as appropriate for their area of interest

CAPA Scholarship (Visual Arts/Design/Filmmaking) holders are required to study either

Elective Visual Arts in Years 9 to 12, or another Elective CAPA subject in Years 9 to 12 as fits their skills and interests. They are also expected to be fully involved in the co-curricular life of the School.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships come in the form of part remission of tuition fees. The value of each Scholarship may vary. **Scholarships may range in value from 25% to 50% of tuition fees.** In some instances, Scholarships of lesser value may be offered. The School reserves the right to withhold a Scholarship (in any Year or discipline) if there are no candidates of sufficient merit. Current fees at Newcastle Grammar School can be found at [www.ngs.nsw.edu.au/enrolments](http://www.ngs.nsw.edu.au/enrolments)

## HOW MANY SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OFFERED?

This varies from year to year. Approximately 10 Scholarships are offered to Year 7 across the areas of Academic, Creative and Performing Arts and Sport. Approximately two Scholarships are offered to Year 11 academic students.

## LENGTH AND TENURE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are subject to an annual formal review by the School in the light of progress, performance and attitude of the holder. It should be noted, however, that holders of Scholarships could normally expect the Scholarship to continue for the duration of their education at the School (or any other period for which the Scholarship has initially been offered).

## WHEN DO WE FIND OUT?

Initial shortlisted applicants should be notified no later than Friday 20 June 2025. A letter or email will notify unsuccessful candidates as soon as possible after all offers have been made.

## WHO SHOULD WE CONTACT?

Online application and testing queries –  
Academic Assessment Services – 02 9904 4933

Newcastle Grammar School –  
Head of Enrolments – Mrs Rowena McGowan –  
(02) 4929 5811



# NEWCASTLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## **Hill Campus**

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