

Application for 2027 Music Scholarships

The College Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) program continues to grow and foster in all students an appreciation of music and performing arts. Opportunities exist for students to realise their full potential through participation in both curricular and co-curricular music programs.

Criteria Specifically for Music Scholarships

Music Scholarships are available for students of Music who have been learning an instrument from a qualified music teacher and who may have been studying for music examinations. Scholarships are awarded on merit. The number of scholarships awarded varies from year to year.

Recipients of a Music Scholarship are expected to:

1. Abide by the expectations of the College in terms of their behavior, uniform and application to their studies.
2. Maintain a good overall academic standard in all subjects.
3. Continue lessons in music and, where appropriate, to report new levels reached to the College.
4. Students who receive a Scholarship are required to be involved in at least two co-curricular Music programs during their time at the College.
5. (For recipients in Year 9 or 11), study elective Music as a subject in Years 9 to 12.

The following information is for candidates applying for a Music Scholarship, on any instrument, at all four levels.

Level 1 scholarship is for students entering **Year 7** in 2027

Level 2 scholarship is for students entering **Year 9** in 2027

Level 3 scholarship is for students entering **Year 11** in 2027

Minimum standards for those scholarship candidates currently undertaking examinations:

Level 1: AMEB (or equivalent) Instrumental Examination at **Third Grade** or higher.

Level 2: AMEB (or equivalent) Instrumental or Vocal Examination at **Fifth Grade** or higher and AMEB (or equivalent) Theory/Musicianship at **Second Grade** or higher.

Level 3: AMEB (or equivalent) Instrumental or Vocal Examination at **Sixth Grade** or higher and AMEB (or equivalent) Theory/Musicianship at **Third Grade** or higher.

For those scholarship candidates not undertaking examinations:

Consideration will be given to students who have been studying Music but have not been sitting for examinations. Students in this category, particularly those not currently attending the College, will need to provide an MP4 or .MOV file recording of themselves performing, emailed to auditions@shellharbourac.nsw.edu.au with the subject header to read: *Music Scholarship Audition Firstname Lastname*. This, along with the private tutor report and other records of achievements, will be used to determine whether a formal audition for a scholarship will take place.

The Audition:

The audition may include all sections depending on the scholarship level and the experience/background of the student. The audition will take 15 to 30 minutes.

Section I. Technical Work

Scales and arpeggios relevant to the last grade completed. (In all grades these are to be played from memory.)

Section II. Pieces

Two contrasting pieces (excluding studies and exercises)

Section III: Aural Test, Sight Reading and General Knowledge

1. Aural Test

Equivalent to the relevant AMEB grade or last higher grade the student has completed. If unsure, consult the AMEB or equivalent syllabus and your private tutor.

2. Sight Reading Test

Equivalent to the relevant AMEB grade or last higher grade the student has completed. If unsure, consult the AMEB or equivalent syllabus and your private tutor.

3. General Knowledge

The candidate is required to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the following aspects of all the pieces performed:

Notes, rests, signs and terms, the composer, relevant knowledge of the theoretical and historical aspects of the pieces performed.

Please note the following:

1. Applicants will be required to sit for ACER scholarship examinations that will be held at the College on **Saturday 28 February 2026** commencing at 8.45am. For music scholarships, these examination results are considered along with the criteria specifically for music scholarship applicants. There will be different examinations for each level of entry.
2. As part of the enrolment process applicants must supply copies of their last two school reports. These reports may be supplemented by certificates awarded as a result of involvement in Regional/State/National competitions. They may also include samples of work in Music and other Creative Arts areas and achievements in sporting areas. Evidence of high achievement in cocurricular activities, leadership roles as well as school and community involvement, are also important to highlight.
3. The Music audition will be held on **Saturday 28 February 2026 at the College** following the Academic Scholarship examinations. Parents and students will be notified of their individual audition time one week prior. The auditioning student should arrive **15 minutes prior to the scheduled time**.

Music and Academic Scholarship notifications will occur at the same time and are dependent on the ACER timeline.

For further information or clarification, please contact Leigh Drummond, Community Engagement Officer (02) 4297 6029.

Closing Date: Sunday 8 February 2026

APPLICATION FOR MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP 2027

Students Name: _____

Address: _____

Present School/ Class: _____

Parents / Carers Name: _____

Parent / Carers Mobile No: _____

Instrument:

Practical Grade Attained: _____ **Result:** _____

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Ensemble Membership: _____ **Years attended:** _____

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Parental Approval

I understand the procedure being used to award music scholarships and agree to arrange for my son/daughter to attend the College on **Saturday 28 February 2026** to sit for the Academic Scholarship examinations and the Music Scholarship audition.

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please Print Name: _____

Attachments:

If an Enrolment Application has already been received the following should be included with the application for the Music Scholarship:

- Any documentation that may attest to the musical achievements of the student.
- Music Scholarship Application fee of \$80.00 (non refundable).

Resume and letter to the Principal as outlined in the information booklet

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