

Scholarships, Bursaries & Specialised Program Information



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2026

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This guide provides an overview of the application process and requirements of the Scholarships, Bursaries and Specialist Programs offered by Bunbury Catholic College.

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Scholarships at Bunbury Catholic College

Bunbury Catholic College is a respected, well-established coeducational secondary school, proudly serving families in the greater Bunbury area for over 50 years.

The College nurtures a passion for learning, a commitment to service, and a strong sense of community, while guiding students on their lifelong journey. With the unwavering support and guidance of our dedicated staff, our students gain the courage, resilience, and confidence needed to embrace the future and discover their place in the world.

We are committed to fostering student success and providing an accessible, high-quality education for all. In line with this mission, we offer a variety of scholarships, bursaries and specialised programs each year. These opportunities are available to both current and prospective students wishing to join Bunbury Catholic College in 2026.

Important dates for your application

Scholarships & Bursaries

Scholarships and Bursaries Online Registration (excl. Elite Sport)	Open: Wednesday, 26 March 2025 Close: Friday 16 May 2025	www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au/Scholarships-Bursaries
Academic Scholarship Examinations	Saturday, 24 May 2025	Bunbury Catholic College - College Hall Commencing at 8.20am & concluding at 12.30pm
MADALAH Scholarship Online Registration	Open: Wednesday, 26 March 2025 Close: Friday, 27 June 2025	All successful and unsuccessful applicants will be contacted by MADALAH
Scholarship & Bursary Offers (excl. Music & Elite Sport)	Early Term 3	All successful and unsuccessful applicants will be contacted
Music Aptitude Testing	Thursday, 7 August 2025	Bunbury Catholic College – Performing Arts Centre From 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Practical Video Submission	Monday, 11 August 2025	Via submission portal
Music Interviews	Tuesday, 12 August to Thursday, 14 August 2025	Bunbury Catholic College – Performing Arts Centre
Music Scholarship Offers	Friday, 22 August 2025	All successful and unsuccessful applicants will be contacted

Elite Sport Program

Elite Sports Program Online Registrations	Open: Wednesday, 26 March 2025 Close: Thursday 15 May 2025	www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au/Scholarships-Bursaries
Elite Sports Fitness Testing	Saturday, 24 May 2025	Bunbury Catholic College in the La Valla Sports Centre commencing at 9.00am
Elite Sports Offers	Early Term 3	All successful and unsuccessful applicants will be contacted

2026 Scholarship Opportunities

Examination Based Scholarships

Scholarship	Year Level	Eligibility
Academic Scholarship	7, 2026	All current Year 6 students
Academic Scholarship	9, 2026	New and existing Year 8 students
Academic Scholarship	11, 2026	New and existing Year 10 students
STEM Scholarships	11, 2026	New and existing Year 10 students

Non-Examination Based Scholarships & Bursaries

Scholarship/Bursary	Year Level	Eligibility
Parents & Friends Financial Bursary	7, 2026	All current Year 6 students
Music Scholarship	7, 2026	All current Year 6 students
Vocational Education & Training Scholarship (VET) Scholarship	11, 2026	New and existing Year 10 students
Sr Martha Bursary	11, 2026	Existing Year 10 Bunbury Catholic College Students
Marist Old Boys & Sisters of Mercy Bursaries	12, 2026	Existing Year 11 Bunbury Catholic College Students

First Nations Scholarships

Scholarship	Year Level	Eligibility
Rose Scholarship	7 – 12, 2026	New and existing First Nations students entering Years 7 – 12 in 2026.
MADALAH Scholarship	7 – 12, 2026	New and existing First Nations students entering Years 7 – 12 in 2026. <i>Note: applications for this scholarship close on Friday, 27 June 2025</i>

Specialised Programs (no financial assistance offered with these programs)

Program	Year Level	Eligibility
Elite Sports Program	7, 2026	All current Year 6 - 11 students <i>Note: Places are limited for Years 8-11</i>
Academic Challenge & Enrichment Studies (ACES)	7, 2026	All current Year 6 students. Students will be able to register their interest in Term 1, 2026.

To apply visit the Bunbury Catholic College website at:
www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au/Scholarships-Bursaries

Academic Scholarships

Bunbury Catholic College offers scholarships to students entering Years 7, Year 9, and Year 11 in 2026 who demonstrate outstanding academic ability and a commitment to the values of the College.

Application Process

Applicants must submit their scholarship application by the closing date. Late applications will not be accepted.

Cost per application is \$120.00, payable to Academic Assessment Services at the time of registration.

Academic Assessment Services, an independent company, facilitates the testing, marking, and compilation of assessment data on behalf of the College.

Students wishing to register for the STEM Scholarship must first complete the Academic Scholarship registration, which also signs them up for the scholarship examination. After that, they can register for the STEM Scholarship at no additional cost.

All students applying for Academic Scholarships, including the STEM Scholarship, must sit the Academic examination.

Selection Process

- Results of the Academic Assessment Exam and information supplied with the application.
- An interview with the Principal may be part of the process for shortlisted candidates. A portfolio may also form part of this process.

Scholarship Benefits and Conditions

Academic Scholarships, including the STEM Scholarship, cover the full cost of tuition for 2 years. Costs associated with uniforms, books, retreats, or camps are not included.

Scholarships are subject to an annual review of student performance and commitment to the College ethos.

Decision

The decision of the Principal is final.

STEM Scholarship

At Bunbury Catholic College, we are committed to fostering a strong foundation in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), preparing students for a rapidly evolving world.

Our STEM program is designed to ignite curiosity, encourage critical thinking, and equip students with the skills necessary to tackle complex challenges, particularly those with a passion and aptitude for STEM subjects.

Eligibility

The STEM Scholarship is open to current Year 10 students enrolling into Year 11 in 2026. Applicants must have a strong interest in STEM and plan to pursue these subjects in Year 11 and 12.

Selection Criteria

The STEM Scholarship will be awarded based on the following:

- Demonstrated participation in extra-curricular activities, projects, or competitions related to STEM.
- Exhibit qualities such as curiosity, problem-solving ability, and a desire to contribute to STEM fields, while also demonstrating a strong academic record, particularly in STEM subjects, with potential for continued success in Year 11 and Year 12.
- Show a willingness to participate in STEM-related extra-curricular activities and collaborative projects.
- Applicants must sit the Academic Scholarship Exam on Saturday, 24 May 2025.

Academic Excellence

The scholarship is renewable for Year 12, provided students maintain academic excellence and consistently demonstrate high performance in their STEM courses throughout Year 11 and 12.

Interview Process

Shortlisted candidates may be invited for an interview with the Principal. The interview will provide an opportunity to discuss the student's academic achievements, passion for STEM, and their future aspirations within the STEM fields.

Decision

The decision of the Principal is final.

Vocational Education & Training Scholarship (VET)

The VET program offers students a hands-on approach to learning that combines academic study with real-world industry experience. The program allows students to explore various career pathways.

Through practical training, work placements, and industry partnerships, students gain valuable skills that enhance their employability and prepare them for further study or the workforce. The VET program at Bunbury Catholic College is designed to empower students to achieve their career goals while building a strong foundation for success in the future.

Eligibility

The VET Scholarship is open to Year 11 students in 2026 who plan to study two or more certificate courses across Year 11 and Year 12.

Application Process

Students must complete the general scholarship application form by the specified deadline.

A personal portfolio demonstrating the student's aptitude and commitment to the VET pathway must be submitted as part of the application. It may include evidence of:

- Work Experience or Work Exposure.
- Personal projects undertaken.
- Part-time employment.

Scholarship Benefits

The VET Scholarship covers full tuition fees for Year 11 and Year 12, subject to annual review of student progress.

Selection Criteria

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by the Principal and the VET Coordinator as part of the selection process.

Selection is based on the strength of the application, portfolio, and interview.

Commitment

The scholarship recipient is expected to fully participate in the VET courses and show commitment to the VET pathway throughout their studies.

Decision

The decision of the Principal is final.

Parents & Friends Bursaries (P & F)

The Parents & Friends Bursary provides financial support to students who demonstrate a strong commitment to the College community and its values. By easing financial pressures, it helps students focus on their studies and actively participate in school activities, supporting their educational journey.

Eligibility

The P & F Bursaries are open to all current Year 6 students enrolling into Year 7 in 2026.

Scholarship Value

The Bursary is valued at \$600 and is designed to help offset some of the costs of school fees for Year 7.

Application Process

Students must complete the general scholarship application form by the specified deadline.

The application will be assessed based on the information supplied by the applicant and their family.

Selection Criteria

The P & F Bursary will be awarded to students who demonstrate:

- A genuine desire to attend Bunbury Catholic College.
- Letter written by the applicant providing details of past academic achievement, involvement in community service, church activities, extra-curricular activity or leadership roles.

Commitment to College Values

Applicants must demonstrate their commitment to the Catholic ethos, including values of respect, responsibility, and integrity.

Interview Process

Shortlisted candidates may be invited for an interview with the Principal as part of the selection process.

Decision

The decision of the Principal is final.

Music

Scholarships Year 7, 2026

This Music Scholarship is designed to nurture and cultivate the musical talent of young students, supporting their growth and development within the College's vibrant music program.

Offered annually, the scholarship aims to provide opportunities for both formally trained and self-taught musicians to further their musical journey. The scholarship seeks to encourage students to explore their potential in brass or woodwind, orchestral strings, or voice, contributing to the ongoing strength and diversity of the College's music community.

Eligibility

The Music Scholarship is open to gifted and talented music students enrolling at Bunbury Catholic College in 2026.

This scholarship is especially intended for students who have demonstrated exceptional ability in one of the following categories:

- Brass or Woodwind
- Orchestral Strings
- Voice

This scholarship is aimed at students who may have had limited access to music tuition opportunities.

Application Process

Students must complete the general scholarship application form and submit it by the application deadline.

All applicants must undertake a Musical Aptitude Test.

Applicants must also submit a practical video performance for their specific category.

Shortlisted candidates may be invited to be interviewed.

Scholarship Benefits

The scholarship covers the cost of music fees for 2026.

Commitment

Scholarship recipients are expected to maintain their scholarship obligations by attending all music lessons regularly, actively participating in at least one school and/or community ensemble and demonstrating exemplary behaviour and commitment to their musical development.

Decision

The decision of the Music Coordinator is final.

Catholic Scholarship

The Catholic Scholarship provides Catholic students entering Year 8 to 12 in 2026, who are not currently enrolled in a Catholic school, with the opportunity to experience the transformative benefits of a Catholic education. This scholarship is designed to support their academic and personal growth, ensuring that all Catholic students have access to a high-quality education and empowering them to reach their full potential and make a positive impact in their community.

Eligibility

The Catholic Scholarship is open to Catholic students entering Year 8 to 12 in 2026 who are not currently enrolled in a Catholic school.

Applicants must have a genuine desire to further their education at Bunbury Catholic College.

Application Process

Students must complete the general scholarship application form by the specified deadline.

Shortlisted candidates may be invited for an interview with the Principal as part of the selection process.

Scholarship Benefits

The Catholic Scholarship covers full tuition fees for one year.

Selection Criteria

- Complete the application form and provide required supporting documentation.
- Have a genuine desire to further their education at Bunbury Catholic College.

Commitment

Scholarship recipient is expected to demonstrate a commitment to the ethos of the College, academic requirements, and community values.

Decision

The decision of the Principal is final.

Sr Martha Bursary

The Sr Martha Bursary is awarded in honour of the late Sr Martha, commemorating her legacy of care, compassion, and unwavering support within the Bunbury Catholic College community. This bursary reflects the enduring impact she had on staff, students, parents, and parishioners throughout the South West.

This bursary is open to existing Bunbury Catholic College students who have demonstrated academic success and embody the personal qualities of respect, care, and dignity in their everyday actions.

Eligibility

The Sr Martha Bursary is open to existing Bunbury Catholic College students who are entering Year 11 in 2026.

Bursary Value

The Sr Martha Bursary is a one-off payment valued at \$500 and is applied to the student's Term 1 school fees in 2026.

Selection Criteria

The bursary will be awarded to a student who demonstrates:

- A history of consistent achievement in their studies.
- Active participation in extra-curricular life at the College, such as involvement in sporting teams, choir, school productions, or other College endeavours.
- Embodies the values of respect, care and dignity in everyday actions with others.

Commitment to College Values

The successful candidate will show an alignment with the College's ethos, including living out the values of respect, care, compassion, and dignity that Sr Martha exemplified throughout her life.

Interview Process

Shortlisted candidates may be invited for an interview with the Principal as part of the selection process.

The interview will focus on the student's past academic achievements, involvement in extra-curricular activities, and demonstration of the College's core values.

Award Notification

Successful candidates will be notified in writing.

Decision

The decision of the Principal is final.

Marist Old Boys & Sisters of Mercy Bursaries

The Marist Old Boys & Sisters of Mercy Bursaries, generously offered by the Bunbury Catholic College Alumni, reflect their ongoing commitment to supporting and inspiring future generations of students.

These bursaries are designed to recognise students who have demonstrated academic success and a dedication to achieving their full potential. Personal qualities, such as respect, care, and dignity in interactions with others, are highly valued, with preference given to students who exemplify these traits.

Eligibility

The Marist Old Boys & Sisters of Mercy Bursaries are open to existing Bunbury Catholic College students who are entering Year 12 in 2026.

Bursary Value:

The bursary is a one-off payment of \$500 per student, which will be applied to the Term 1 school fees account in 2026.

Selection Criteria

The scholarship will be awarded to students who demonstrate:

- A record of consistent academic achievement and a commitment to their studies.
- Active participation in extra-curricular life at the College, such as involvement in sporting teams, choir, school productions, or other College endeavours.
- The values of respect, care and dignity in everyday life.

Commitment to College Values

The successful candidate will exemplify the College's values of respect, care, and compassion, both in and out of the classroom, and demonstrate a strong commitment to the College's community ethos.

Interview Process

Shortlisted candidates may be invited for an interview with the Principal as part of the selection process.

The interview will focus on the student's academic achievements, extra-curricular involvement, and the demonstration of the College's core values.

Award Notification

Successful candidates will be notified in writing of the award.

Decision

The decision of the Principal is final.

Rose Scholarships

The Rose Scholarship is a legacy scholarship, generously donated to provide financial support to First Nations students who wish to pursue their studies at Bunbury Catholic College but face financial or other disadvantages that would otherwise prevent them from attending.

This scholarship aims to create opportunities for students to thrive academically and personally, fostering an inclusive and supportive learning environment.

Eligibility

Rose Scholarships are open to First Nations students who are entering Year 7 – 12 in 2026 at Bunbury Catholic College.

Scholarship Purpose

The scholarships provide financial assistance to First Nations students, ensuring access to a Catholic education for those facing financial or other barriers.

Selection Criteria

Scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate:

- A willingness to commit to their studies and consistently strive to achieve their academic potential.
- An understanding and respect for the Catholic values and ethos of the College and a willingness to engage in the College community.
- Active participation in extra-curricular activities, either within or outside of school life, demonstrating a well-rounded approach to personal development.

Personal Qualities

Students who demonstrate maturity, empathy, and a commitment to positively contributing to the College community, while also exhibiting respect, care and dignity in their interactions with others, will be highly regarded.

Interview Process

Shortlisted candidates may be invited for an interview with the Principal as part of the selection process. The interview will focus on the student's commitment to their studies, engagement with the College's ethos, and demonstrated personal qualities.

Award Notification

Successful candidates will be notified in writing of the award of the scholarship.

Decision

The decision of the Principal is final.

MADALAH

Scholarships

MADALAH Limited is a not-for-profit organisation that offers secondary and tertiary education scholarships for First Nations students from remote and regional communities to Western Australia's leading schools and Australian universities.

Bunbury Catholic College, in partnership with MADALAH Limited, is proud to offer scholarships to students of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, who are enrolled at the College.

Eligibility

Applications are invited from both currently enrolled students and those who may wish to further their studies at the College from Years 7 - 12.

Scholarship Purpose

The scholarships aims to support students who face financial and other barriers, ensuring they can attend Bunbury Catholic College and fully benefit from the College's academic and extra-curricular programs.

MADALAH Limited plays a vital role in supporting these students, managing the scholarship programs and offering ongoing guidance to ensure their success throughout their educational journey.

Selection Criteria

- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and provide proof of descent.
- Be eligible for ABSTUDY and/or demonstrate some form of disadvantage, e.g. financial, geographic etc and provide proof.

- Provide proof of offer or enrolment at Bunbury Catholic College (*this proof will be required before a scholarship can be awarded but does not have to be supplied at the time of applying*).
- Most recent academic results and one letter from a referee.
- Good school attendance and behaviour record.

Application Process

Applicants must apply via the MADALAH Limited website:

<https://madalah.com.au/> .

The number of scholarships awarded is at the discretion of MADALAH Limited.

Applications close: 27 June 2025.

Decision

MADALAH will liaise with the College and the College will complete their order of preference following their own enrolment selection criteria.

MADALAH will allocate scholarships in line with contractual obligations and the College selection criteria.

Elite Sports Program

The Elite Sports Program at Bunbury Catholic College provides unique opportunities in sports performance, coaching, and officiating, not typically available in junior community sport. Guided by sport science principles and delivered by our experienced Health and Physical Education team, it offers age-appropriate challenges that foster physical, mental, and athletic growth.

Eligibility

The Elite Sports Program is open to current Year 6 - 11 students.

Applications close: Thursday, 15 May 2025

Program Purpose

The program supports students with a strong interest or talent in sports, offering opportunities to develop skills in performance, coaching, and officiating. It aims to equip students with the knowledge and physical literacy to excel, fostering personal and athletic growth. The [Elite Sports Program Guide](#) outlines a structured path, focusing on physical literacy and specialised skills.

Selection Process

Students must apply for selection into the Elite Sports Program each year.

All applicants are required to attend a fitness testing session on Saturday, 24 May 2025. This session will assess physical fitness levels and determine suitability for the program.

As part of the selection process, the College will contact the applicant's primary school Principal to provide a

reference. The application form, principal's reference, and fitness test results will be used to assess the student's suitability to the Elite Sports Program.

Commitment to the Program

- Students must uphold the College's values and represent Bunbury Catholic College with integrity and sportsmanship.
- Participation in regular training sessions and maintaining a high standard of conduct on and off the field are essential for continued involvement in the program.
- Students must be dedicated to developing their sporting skills.

Personal Qualities

Successful candidates should demonstrate leadership, teamwork, discipline, and a strong work ethic, along with a positive attitude and willingness to contribute to the College community.

Decision

The final decision will be made by the Head of learning for Health and Physical Education. This decision is final.

Academic Challenge and Enrichment Program

The Academic Challenge and Enrichment Studies (ACES) program enhances the learning experience of students seeking academic challenges beyond the classroom. Students will collaborate with peers to develop creativity and problem-solving skills, engage in specialised programs and competitions, and work with expert mentors. Through weekly modules, students will deepen their knowledge and prepare for academic competitions, while strengthening their research and critical thinking abilities.

Eligibility

The ACES Program is open to students entering Year 7 in 2026.

Program Purpose

The ACES Program enhances the education of students needing extension beyond the regular classroom curriculum. It provides opportunities for students to collaborate with like-minded peers in a supportive environment that fosters creativity and problem-solving skills

Selection Criteria

Students must demonstrate strong academic performance and a passion for learning.

Applicants should demonstrate curiosity, initiative, and a desire to engage in extension activities beyond the standard curriculum.

Students must collaborate effectively and contribute positively to group tasks and discussions.

Program Components

Collaboration with like-minded peers, developing critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills.

Expert mentors will work with students to refine their skills and deepen their academic understanding.

Participation in academic competitions and programs, applying their skills in diverse environments.

Decision

Selection for the ACES Program will be made in Term 1, 2026.



Bunbury Catholic College Bursary Program

Bunbury Catholic College offers a bursary program to support Year 11 and 12 students enrolled in external Certificate Courses. This program provides financial assistance for courses that exceed fees of \$1000. It is available to students who will be in Year 11 or 12 next year and offers up to \$1000 in total.

This initiative presents an excellent opportunity for students to explore and excel in their chosen pathways, opening doors to new academic and career possibilities. We encourage all eligible students to apply and take full advantage of this valuable support.

For further information please visit our website:

www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au/Scholarships-Bursaries



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Applications open
Wednesday, 26 March 2025.

Applications close
Friday, 16 May 2025.

For further information, please contact the College on 9721 0000.