



## GENERAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### **CONTEXT**

*A General Excellence Scholarship reflects our belief at Calvary that every child has the capacity to be exceptional and our intention to unleash the potential of each student through exceptional learning, and a holistic approach to personal development.*

Recipients of General Excellence Scholarships will be demonstrating significant progress in academic learning, developing unique talent (e.g. in the field of music, sport, leadership or other cultural or community activity) and contributing to the Vibrant Community of the College. Recipients will exemplify our Vision as students developing "agile minds, a sense of compassion for others and the courage to act on their beliefs". They will also demonstrate capacity for "life-long success as resilient, resourceful and responsible citizens of our global community". (Strategic Plan p.4).

### **PROCESS:**

1. Complete the application letter and portfolio of evidence
2. Short listed candidates will be invited to an interview
3. All interviewed candidates will be notified in writing of the outcome

### **CONDITIONS:**

- Applications will be considered annually, during Term 3, for the following academic year.
- General Excellence Scholarships will have a one-year duration.
- On the basis of the student's application and interview, the Scholarship Panel will make a scholarship offer of a value appropriate to the strength of the application.
- There are a limited number of General Excellence Scholarships which can be awarded per year level. This may vary from year to year at the discretion of the College Principal.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Write a formal letter to the Principal of the College, outlining who you are and succinctly outline why you think you qualify for a *General Excellence Scholarship* (base this response around our three focus areas: Exceptional Learning, Authentic Discipleship, Vibrant Community). This letter should not exceed one page in length.
2. Complete the attached portfolio of evidence and attach it to this letter.



## PORTFOLIO OF EVIDENCE

*Some thoughts on completing this form:*

- Provide a written response to each of the criteria below. You may also attach other artefacts to this document, for example: annotated work samples, photographs with informative caption, etc. Where possible, focus your response around an action, rather than just giving us your thoughts on each topic.
- Be succinct and keep each section to no longer than 500 words.
- Be yourself and tell the truth. You will need to talk to this application if you qualify for an interview. Your parents cannot complete this application for you – it must be in your words.
- You don't need to address every word in every criteria, just try and respond to general requirement of the criteria.
- If you don't feel that you can meet these criteria, consider chatting to a teacher about what you can do across the next year to allow you meet the criteria next time scholarships are offered.

### SECTION 1: EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING

Criteria:

1. Demonstrate high results across a range of subject areas or a significant progression in learning.
2. Demonstrate an ability to reflect on your learning skill set and set stretch goals for yourself.

### SECTION 2: AUTHENTIC DISCIPLESHIP

Criteria:

1. Demonstrate your engagement in service or mission opportunities at Calvary, or your capacity to show compassion and courage at school.
2. Demonstrate how you have exemplified personal discipline, social responsibility, integrity, or the respect for the dignity of self or others at school.

### SECTION 3: VIBRANT COMMUNITY

Criteria:

1. Demonstrate your engagement in the wider Calvary Community, through involvement with co-curricular clubs or events.
2. Demonstrate how your engagement in your current year level has contributed to vibrant community at Calvary.