



MARSDEN
HIGH SCHOOL

Scholarships

PROGRAM OVERVIEW 2026

MARSDEN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Marsden High School maintains high academic standards, encourages students to participate in a range of opportunities and has a supportive discipline and welfare structure.

The Marsden High School Scholarship Program offers a range of scholarships, to support the ongoing development and learning of the scholarship recipients.

The Marsden High School scholarships are advertised on the school's website, in other school publications and on social media. Applications are awarded in Term 4 for the following year.

The scholarships on offer for 2026 are as follows:

P&C Funded Scholarships

- High Achiever Transition Scholarship – for Year 7 2026 students
- High Achiever Focus Scholarships – for existing Marsden students, years 8- 12 2026:
 - Academic
 - Creative and Performing Arts
 - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
 - Sport

School Funded Scholarships

- MHS High Potential Transition Scholarship – for Year 7 2026 students

Benefactor Funded Scholarships

- Tuckerman Scholarships – for existing Year 8 and Year 11 2026 Marsden students
- Joan and David Williams Scholarships – for existing Year 10 and Year 12 2026 Marsden students
- Barry Thomas O'Grady Scholarship – for existing Years 8-10 2026 Marsden students

Applicants must:

- have been accepted for entry to, or are currently enrolled at, Marsden High School
- conform with the school's enrolment policy and meet the scholarship selection criteria and conditions
- be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, permanent resident of Australia or holder of an Australian permanent resident humanitarian visa
- have ongoing enrolment at Marsden High School throughout the scholarship period (if the student leaves Marsden High School during the scholarship period, scholarship monies may be required to be reimbursed)

Application process:

- Potential applicants review the various scholarships to determine which scholarship(s) they would like to apply for.
- Download the Application forms from the Marsden High School website under [Learning at our school – Scholarships and awards – Scholarships Overview and Application Forms](#).
- Applicant submits the appropriate application by **3pm, Friday 31 October 2025** with the relevant documentation attached:
 - two most recent school reports
 - up to six additional pages of relevant documentation to support application
- Applications may be posted, hand delivered or emailed to the school. Please see the application forms for more details.
- Scholarship applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in mid Term 4. Successful applicants will be invited to attend Presentation Day.

Selection Process:

- The application form must be completed by students, parents/carers and other specified parties.
- The application form must be returned to the school by **3pm, Friday 31 October 2025**
- All items requested in the application form **MUST** be included with your application form
- The application form and supporting documentation will be assessed by the selection panel, consisting of representatives of the School Executive Team and the P&C Executive Committee.
- If a trial/audition is required, information about this will be forwarded to the applicant after lodgement of the forms.

The Scholarships Committee:

- assesses applicants for the scholarships based on the pertinent selection criteria using a marking matrix
- has the right to make the final decision to award the scholarship
- has the right to discontinue a scholarship if the holder does not maintain the expectations and responsibilities outlined in the school's CARE framework

Scholarship Conditions:

- An excellent attendance record is a prerequisite for scholarship recipients, including arriving at school on time.
- Students must wear appropriate full school uniform at all times.
- Parents/carers of scholarship recipients are required to commit to their child's attendance at activities to support the broad range of opportunities offered by the school.
- Students must provide a half-yearly and end-of-year progress letter and copy of school report to the provider of their scholarship, stating how the scholarship is assisting with their education.

Scholarship Payments:

The purpose of the scholarships is to support the ongoing development and learning of the scholarship recipients. As such, the payment of the scholarship funds will be in two phases –

- *at the end of Term 1* – a maximum of 50% will be paid, upon presentation of original receipts/tax invoices for allowable expenses
- *at the start of Term 3* - the remaining outstanding amount will be paid, upon the presentation of original receipts/tax invoices for allowable expenses.
- The same tax invoice may be used for both payments if it is of sufficient value.
- Any payments still outstanding after the start of Term 3 will be paid out in Term 4 upon the presentation of original receipts/tax invoices for allowable expenses (eg. tutoring expenses incurred during Term 4).

This staggered payment is to ensure the scholarship recipient remains focused and is accountable for fulfilling their scholarship obligations. The payment will be subject to the recipient satisfactorily fulfilling their scholarship obligations.

Scholarship applications for 2026 close 3:00pm, Friday 31 October 2025.

P&C FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

The Marsden High School P&C Scholarship Fund was established by the Marsden High School P&C Association to provide a variety of scholarships to students in years 7-12.

P&C HIGH ACHIEVER FOCUS SCHOLARSHIPS

The P&C High Achiever Focus Scholarships are awarded to existing Marsden students who display excellence in one of the areas of focus:

- Academic
- Creative & Performing Arts (CAPA)
- Sport
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Academic Scholarships are awarded based on a demonstrated strong academic record, as evidenced by records such as awards, reports and recommendations.

Creative & Performing Arts Scholarships are awarded to students who have displayed outstanding commitment to, and involvement in, Marsden's creative and performing arts program and/or creative and performing arts endeavours outside of school.

Sport Scholarships are awarded to students who have displayed excellence in sporting activities, within and/or outside of school programs.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) Scholarships are awarded on the basis of demonstrating a strong commitment to any aspect of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM). This is evidenced by their involvement in STEM activities both within school and outside school activities.

What is the value and time period of the scholarship?

The bursary for each of these scholarships is \$1000 and is valid for one year (must be spent during 2026).

Who can apply for the Scholarships?

These scholarships are open to existing Marsden students who will be in years 8-12 of the scholarship year – i.e. 2026. Students may only apply for one of the above scholarships.

What is the selection criteria?

Across all Focus scholarships the following selection criteria applies:

- A sound behaviour and attendance record
 - Proven record of involvement in other extra-curricular activities
 - Comprehensive application with supporting documentation
- In addition, the specific Focus area criteria applies:

Academic

- A strong academic record across a range of subjects

CAPA

- Proven involvement/experience and expertise in the creative and/or performing arts
- A strong academic record with CAPA subjects and audition if required

Sport

- Proven involvement/experience and expertise in sport
- Strong sports record and trial if required

STEM

- A strong academic record in STEM subjects

How can the Scholarship bursary be used?

The scholarship may be used for a range of items, such as school fees, excursions, camps, books, uniforms, computer devices, software, tutoring, equipment, competition fees, travel expenses, or other resources related to the focus area, or to assist with learning, as approved by the Scholarships Committee.

P&C HIGH ACHIEVER TRANSITION SCHOLARSHIP

The P&C High Achiever Transition Scholarship is awarded to a Marsden Year 7/2026 student who displays excellence in one or more of the following fields:

- Academic achievement
- Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)
- Sport
- Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
- Other – eg volunteering, community engagement, etc.

What is the value and time period of the scholarship?

The bursary for this scholarship is \$500 and is valid for one year (must be spent during 2026).

Who can apply for the Scholarships?

This scholarship is open to current Year 6 students who are enrolled in Year 7 2026 at Marsden High School. If the selected recipient does not proceed with enrolment at Marsden High School, the scholarship offer will be revoked and re-awarded to an eligible student.

What is the selection criteria?

- Proven involvement/experience and expertise in field(s) of excellence
- An excellent attitude towards the discipline and general learning
- Proven record of involvement in other extra-curricular activities
- Comprehensive application with supporting documentation

How can the Scholarship bursary be used?

The scholarship may be used for a range of items, such as school fees, excursions, camps, books, uniforms, computer devices, software, tutoring, equipment, competition fees, travel expenses, or other resources to assist with learning, as approved by the Scholarships Committee.

SCHOOL FUNDED SCHOLARSHIP

Marsden High School offers a transition scholarship to assist a student to commence their high school journey in an effective way.

MHS HIGH POTENTIAL TRANSITION SCHOLARSHIP

The MHS High Potential Transition Scholarship is awarded to a Marsden Year 7 2026 student who displays potential in one or more of the following fields:

- Academic achievement
- Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)
- Sport
- Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
- Other – eg volunteering, community engagement, etc.

This scholarship is not necessarily for the highest achieving student, it is for a student who displays perseverance and commitment to learning and who has the potential to achieve good results with scholarship assistance.

What is the value and time period of the scholarship?

The bursary for this scholarship is \$500 and is for one year (must be spent during 2026).

Who can apply for the Scholarships?

This scholarship is open to current Year 6 students who are enrolled in Year 7 2026 at Marsden High School. If the selected recipient does not proceed with enrolment at Marsden High School, the scholarship offer will be revoked and re-awarded to an eligible student.

What is the selection criteria?

- Proven involvement/ability in chosen field(s) of potential
- An excellent attitude towards learning
- Proven involvement in extra-curricular or school activities/service
- Comprehensive application with supporting documentation

How can the Scholarship bursary be used?

The scholarship may be used for a range of items, such as school fees, excursions, camps, books, uniforms, computer devices, software, tutoring, equipment, competition fees, travel expenses, or other resources to assist with learning, as approved by the Scholarships Committee.

BENEFACITOR FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

JOHN TUCKERMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr John Tuckerman was a student of Marsden High School (1960-1964) and school captain in 1964. In 1959 as a student of Ermington Public School he was awarded a NSW State Government means-tested bursary, which paid him a small allowance each year at high school. With this allowance, he purchased resources (e.g. technical drawing instruments) which he could not otherwise afford and thereby enhanced his learning experience. He was a dedicated student as well as a keen cricketer and athlete. John came from a family that was financially challenged and is now a successful stockbroker.

Motivated by the significance of the 1959 bursary and his enhanced education opportunities, he has chosen to give something back to his school and its students by sponsoring scholarships.

John Tuckerman Junior Scholarships

- A 3-year scholarship, worth \$1000 per year, will be awarded to two (2) Year 8 2026 Marsden students, continuing into Years 9 and 10.

John Tuckerman Senior Scholarships

- A 2-year scholarship, worth \$1500 per year, will be awarded to two (2) Year 11 2026 students, continuing into Year 12.

What is the value and time period of the scholarship?

Four (4) John Tuckerman Scholarships will be awarded – 2 x Junior, 2 x Senior. The bursary for each Junior scholarship is \$1000 per year for three years (\$3000 in total); and the bursary for the Senior scholarship is \$1500 per year for two years (\$3000 in total).

At the end of each year, the scholarship will be reviewed in terms of the satisfactory progress and behaviour of the student and continued enrolment at Marsden High School, before being renewed for additional years. The Principal may terminate the scholarship at any time at his absolute discretion.

Who can apply for the Scholarships?

The Junior scholarship is open to existing Marsden students who will be in Year 8 2026. The Senior scholarship is open to existing Marsden students who will be in Year 11 2026.

What is the selection criteria?

The criteria for selection are:

- academic achievement
- any special talents a student has in particular areas of study/achievement
- examples of good character and personal attributes including trustworthiness, reliability etc.
- evidence of participation in extra-curricular activity and school service
- comprehensive application with supporting documentation

How can the Scholarship bursary be used?

The scholarship is to be used to enhance learning and achievement and expand opportunities for the student to engage in new experiences to further develop academically and socially and reach future goals. The scholarship may be used for a range of items, such as excursions, camps, books, computer devices, software, tutoring, equipment, competition fees, or other resources to assist with learning, as approved by the Scholarships Committee. The funds are not to be used for uniforms or stationery.

Any students who may be successful in being granted these scholarships are encouraged to consider the following:

"If I am successful in life, I would like to return to the school something of my success"

Mr John Tuckerman

DAVID AND JOAN WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr Kim Williams is an ex-student of Marsden High School. Mr Williams generously chooses to give something back to his school by awarding scholarships to two students to assist with their education. The scholarships are named in honour of his parents, Joan and David Williams, who strongly supported the development of Marsden High School during the 1960s.

David and Joan Williams ROSA Scholarship

- A 1-year scholarship, worth \$3,000, will be awarded to one (1) Year 10 2026 Marsden student.

David and Joan Williams HSC Scholarship

- A 1-year scholarship, worth \$3,000, will be awarded to one (1) Year 12 2026 student.

What is the value and time period of the scholarship?

The bursary for each of these scholarships is \$3,000 and is valid for one year (must be spent during 2026).

Who can apply for the Scholarships?

The Junior scholarship is open to existing Marsden students who will be in Year 10 2026. The Senior scholarship is open to existing Marsden students who will be in Year 12 2026.

What is the selection criteria?

The criteria for selection is as follows:

- academic achievement or exceptional accomplishment in a particular subject area
- educational disadvantage, either financial or social
- commitment to further study
- comprehensive application with supporting documentation

How can the Scholarship bursary be used?

It is envisaged that each scholarship will be used to expand opportunities for the student to further develop academically and/or socially, in order to reach future goals and continued enrolment at Marsden High School. Items that the scholarship monies could be spent on include: a computer, software, excursions, camps, books, tutoring or other resources to assist with learning. The funds are not to be used for uniforms or stationery.

BARRY THOMAS O'GRADY SCHOLARSHIP

Mr Barry Thomas O'Grady was a student of Marsden High School. Mr O'Grady generously chose to give something back to his school by awarding a scholarship to one student to assist with their education. The scholarship recipient is chosen based on the grounds of conduct, academic application and socio-economic disadvantage. It is designed to reward a student that works hard but is experiencing financial hardship that may prevent them from achieving their full potential.

Barry Thomas O'Grady Scholarship

- A 1-year scholarship, worth \$2000, will be awarded to one (1) Year 8-10 2026 student.

What is the value and time period of the scholarship?

The bursary for each of this scholarship is \$2000 and is valid for one year (must be spent during 2026).

Who can apply for the Scholarships?

The scholarship is open to existing Marsden students who are in Year 8, Year 9 or Year 10 in 2026.

What is the selection criteria?

The criteria for selection are:

- academic achievement
- any special talents a student has in particular areas of study/achievement
- examples of good character and personal attributes including trustworthiness, reliability, etc.
- evidence of participation in extra-curricular activity and school service
- some level of socio-economic hardship
- comprehensive application with supporting documentation

How can the Scholarship bursary be used?

The scholarship is to be used to enhance learning and achievement and expand opportunities for the student to engage in new experiences to further develop academically and socially and reach future goals. The scholarship may be used for a range of items, such as excursions, camps, books, computer devices, software, tutoring, equipment, competition fees, or other resources to assist with learning, as approved by the Scholarships Committee. The funds are not to be used for uniforms or stationery.

