

A Chorus of Opportunities

St Mary's Cathedral College Choir Scholarship Program

Does your son love to sing and perform? St Mary's Cathedral College's Choir Scholarship Program offers students the unique opportunity to develop their passion for singing, music and performance, as part of Australia's oldest musical institution.

Established in 1824, St Mary's Cathedral College (SMCC) Sydney, is a Catholic school steeped in rich history and renowned for academic excellence. As one of Australia's oldest schools, we have been providing an exceptional education for our students for 200 years.

SMCC provides an engaging learning environment, grounded in a Liberal Arts approach. Located in the heart of the city, our students are provided a Catholic education enriched by the unique opportunities afforded by a global city. Faith and reason inspire our students to become exceptional communicators adept at solving problems and taking action to make a positive difference.

"St Mary's is a Chorister school, home to world class St Mary's Cathedral Choir, which is acknowledged as the oldest musical ensemble in Australia still in operation", comments McDiarmid.

The St Mary's Cathedral choir performs locally and internationally, and choir students receive an unparalleled opportunity to grow their gifts.

As a chorister school, we recognise the transformative power of music,



where our students are given the opportunity to develop both their musical talents and aesthetic appreciation of the Arts. We place a strong emphasis on character development, focusing on the development of each student, enabling them to become confident, compassionate, and well-rounded individuals.

Prospective Choristers should be able to sing in tune, but they do not need any formal musical experience. As part of the scholarship application process, students are given a voice trial, where they will be asked to sing a prepared song: anything they know well, such as a hymn

or Christmas carol. They are then given aural tests and asked some questions. Prospective Choristers and their parents often appreciate the opportunity of meeting the Director of Music, Daniel Justin, for an informal chat and a practice voice trial before making a formal application.

Recently appointed, Justin is a highly accomplished musician who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the field of sacred music. With an extensive background in choral conducting, organ performance, and music education, Justin offers a wealth of experience and a remarkable musical

talent that will further enrich the music program at St Mary's Cathedral.

The Director of Music is always pleased to hear from people who would like to enquire about choristership. "We are looking for bright, happy boys with keen musical ears and the makings of a good voice. They do not have to be the finished product – it's our job to help them get there."

Successful applicants receive a full tuition scholarship to St Mary's Cathedral College. In addition to the tuition scholarship, Choristers receive weekly individual singing lessons.

"As well as offering the finest academic and musical training, and excellent sports coaching, the College aims to foster the fullest possible development of each student. The Choristers play a full part in the College's many academic, sporting, and extracurricular activities," comments McDiarmid.

St Mary's is a school of musical excellence where students gain unparalleled access to nurture their passion for singing, music, and performance.

If you or your son might be interested in enrolling and auditioning to become a Chorister of St Mary's Cathedral Choir please contact the College enrolments officer on 02 9235 0500. For further information visit smccsydney.syd.catholic.edu.au/cathedral-choir.

Forming character through transformative learning



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CEF program providing school fee support

For the past decade, the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) has provided opportunities for thousands of students to access a quality Catholic education in the Sydney Archdiocese.

Driven by the core faith values of Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS), the CEF's vision is that no child should be denied an opportunity to have an education in the Catholic tradition due to genuine financial, cultural or social hardship.

Initiated in 2011 and becoming operational in 2013, the CEF coordinates corporate partnerships, community grants, fundraising events and donations to help those students and families most in need.

A core element of the CEF's efforts is the School Fee Support Program, which provides eligible families with assistance to attend one of SCS' 147 primary or secondary schools.

The CEF helps families in difficult circumstances cover the cost of school fees and other charges so that their children are still able to enjoy the benefits of a Catholic education.

Since 2015, the CEF has also supported more than 2,000 refugee students. Through its Refugee Bursary Program, the CEF has lent a helping hand to families who have fled their countries of origin in search of a better life here in Australia.



In collaboration with the CEF, 127 SCS staff took part in the inaugural 'Walk for a Refugee' fundraising event in September, raising more than \$12,000 for the Refugee Bursary Program.

The CEF is also committed to assisting SCS students as they transition from their schooling years to the world beyond.

Through the City Link Mentor Program, the CEF provides secondary students with a personal mentor who helps guide students through their studies and encourages the development of life skills.

Introduced in 2016, the program offers financial education support as well

as connecting students with industry professionals, and has helped to inspire dozens of students from underprivileged backgrounds to reach their full potential.

Earlier this year, the CEF announced the inaugural CEF Teaching Scholarship, which supports secondary students

who are aiming to enter the teaching profession.

Scholarship recipients are provided with ongoing financial aid as they earn their teaching degrees at Australian Catholic University, together with the opportunity to work as casual support staff members within SCS schools.

These student teachers are paired with an SCS principal, who acts as a mentor along the students' four-year learning journey.

The incredible work of the CEF is only made possible by the generous support of individuals and businesses in the community.

Supporters of the CEF are able to make a life-changing impact on the students and families who need it most, and contribute to the CEF's vision of making education accessible to all.

Students supported by the CEF will have the opportunity to grow academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually, and to live purposefully in a thriving Catholic community.

For more information and to support the CEF please visit cef.syd.catholic.edu.au

THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION SYDNEY

We believe every child should be able to access a quality Catholic education across our network of 147 Sydney Catholic Schools regardless of their financial, cultural, or social background.

Through the generosity of individuals and organisations, we provide school fee support for families in need, giving every child the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Scan here to learn more about our bursary program or to make a donation*.

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Scholarships and Bursaries

Rosebank provides financial support in the form of scholarships and bursaries to students entering Years 7-11.

We welcome and encourage new students who demonstrate Rosebank's Benedictine values and meet other scholarship or bursary qualifications to apply for these opportunities.

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The Loreto Kirribilli Spirit of Giving

The means-tested Loreto Kirribilli Bursary enables students to benefit from a Loreto Kirribilli education, growing into confident, curious, socially responsible young women - the leaders of tomorrow.

Step through the front gates of Loreto Kirribilli, and you will encounter what is warmly referred to throughout our community as our school 'spirit'.

Intangible, indefinable, our school spirit is the reason our harbourside campus is vibrant, welcoming, and full of life, and why every student develops a deep sense of belonging to a rich community of faith.

Our strength is driven by our values; verity, justice, sincerity, felicity, and freedom of spirit.

We nurture these qualities in our students to assist them to become women of purpose, with a profound sense of their own worth and an enduring sense of responsibility to others.

At our heart is a culture of growth and excellence, where every student has the opportunity to flourish, not only in the classroom but also on stage, on the sporting field, in positions of leadership and advocacy, and in the pursuit of social justice.

The Loreto Kirribilli Bursary

It is fitting that this year, as we celebrate our 115th year, and the school value of Justice, we are launching the Loreto Kirribilli



Bursary. Thanks to the generosity of our community, the means-tested Bursary enables students to complete their Senior School education in the tradition of the Loreto sisters.

Bursary recipients will have the same opportunities as all Loreto students, to realise their gifts and

talents, and graduate from the school as proud Loreto women, inspired to make a significant contribution to society.

This represents a wonderful opportunity for students whose families do not have the means to access a Loreto Kirribilli education. The students should demonstrate

a love of learning and a willingness to make a positive contribution to the life of their school and the broader community.

The means-tested Bursary will be awarded annually to students providing full or partial fee-relief for their education from Years 10-12.

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Principal Mrs Anna Dickinson is excited by the opportunities the Bursary program offers. *“It is the aim of the Bursary that recipients will have their gifts and talents realised, and graduate from the school as proud Loreto women, with the opportunity and inspiration to make a significant contribution to society.”*

Applications for 2025 entry to Year 10 are now open. Please email the Business Office at fees@loreto.nsw.edu.au for more information.



Inspiring strong, hope-filled women to make a positive difference in our *world*



THE LORETO KIRRIBILLI BURSARY

2025 YEAR 10 BURSARY APPLICATIONS OPEN

Loreto Kirribilli is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of others. It is fitting that in our 115th anniversary year - the Year of Justice - we launch the Loreto Kirribilli Bursary. Thanks to the generosity of our community, our means-tested Bursary allows students to complete their Senior School education in the tradition of the Loreto Sisters. The Bursary will be awarded annually to students for their education from Years 10-12.

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