



Scholarship Application Guide

2024 for entry in 2025 and 2026

Who can apply?

Scholarship applications are open to current and future students. Our main scholarship entry point is Year 7 in 2026, however there are also limited scholarships available for Years 8 – 11 in 2026 and Year 5 in 2025. Students may apply for more than one scholarship. Applications are open to Australian citizens and permanent residents only. All applicants must sit the Academic Assessment Services scholarship test - www.academicassessment.com.au

KEY DATES

Monday 1 July 2024

Scholarship applications open

Friday 26 July 2024

Scholarship applications close

Submitted online applications should include responses to the relevant questions, copies of student reports and the most recent NAPLAN results. All information needs to be uploaded at the time of application, hard copy documents will not be accepted.

Saturday 3 August 2024
8.15am – 12.30pm

Scholarship testing at Korowa

Tuesday 27 August 2024

Music Scholarship auditions

The Music Department will contact families during the week of 19 August 2024 to arrange an audition time.

What Scholarships are available in 2025 and 2026?

Academic

Academic Scholarships will be awarded to students who not only demonstrate strong academic potential based on the results of the scholarship test but are also interested in taking advantage of enrichment opportunities and participating fully in life at Korowa through involvement in co-curricular activities.

Shortlisted candidates will be required to attend an activity morning at Korowa and will undertake some further testing.

Entry Point for Academic Scholarships:

Our main scholarship entry point is Year 7 in 2026, however there are also limited scholarships available for Years 8 – 11 in 2026 and Year 5 in 2025.

General Excellence – All Rounder

General Excellence Scholarships are awarded to students who are enthusiastic and keen to make a significant contribution to the life of the School, someone who wants to make the most of what is on offer at Korowa and participate fully. This would include participation in at least one of the following areas:

- Sport
- Visual Arts
- Performing Arts (dance, drama, music)
- Leadership and Service

This award will be based on the results of the scholarship test and if required an interview with the Principal. Shortlisted candidates will be required to attend an activity morning at Korowa and will undertake some further testing.

Entry Point for General Excellence – All Rounder Scholarships:

Our main scholarship entry point is Year 7 in 2026, however there are also limited scholarships available for Years 8 – 11 in 2026 and Year 5 in 2025.

General Excellence – Science

Scholarships will be awarded to students who are passionate about science and have demonstrated strong academic capabilities based on the results of the scholarship test and current school results. They should be keen to get involved in all science opportunities on offer including representing Korowa at competitions and in co-curricular activities and clubs. Students must have the intention of undertaking at least one VCE science subject from the following selection: chemistry, biology or physics.

Shortlisted candidates will be required to attend an activity morning at Korowa and will undertake some further testing.

Entry Point for General Excellence – Science Scholarships:

Future students entering the School in Years 9, 10 or 11 in 2026.

General Excellence – Sport

Korowa seeks to develop student athletes who demonstrate excellence in a sporting pursuit. Korowa has an extensive sporting program that allows students to develop strong social, emotional and sporting knowledge and skill.

The successful candidate would be expected to participate annually:

- in their nominated Sport of Excellence for Korowa
- in at least one Carnival Sport for Korowa
- in all House Sport opportunities

The successful candidate must commit to represent Korowa at all relevant events and competitions whilst seeking to utilise all relevant available coaching opportunities and facilities.

The successful candidate should be performing at State or National level; however, consideration will be given to athletes where these pathways do not necessarily exist yet.

Applicants will be expected to meet certain academic results from the scholarship test and shortlisted students will be required to attend an activity morning. They will also participate in a short interview with the Director of Sport together with the Deputy Principal to discuss their sporting interests and achievements. Applicants may also be asked to demonstrate various skill competencies related to their nominated sport of excellence.

Entry Point for General Excellence – Sports Scholarships:

Future students entering the School in Years 7, 8, 9 or 10 in 2026.

CARNIVAL SPORTS NOMINATED SPORT OF EXCELLENCE

Swimming/Diving	Basketball	Rowing
Athletics/ Cross Country	Badminton	Snowsports
	Cricket	Soccer
	Football (AFLW)	Softball
	Hockey	Tennis
	Netball	Volleyball

General Excellence – Music

Music Scholarship applicants are required to sit the scholarship test, answer the online questions and attend a music audition. These scholarships will be awarded either in the form of music tuition fees for a particular instrument that is taught at Korowa or in combination with an academic or general excellence scholarship.

Applicants will be asked to provide the name(s) and contact details of their current music (instrument) teacher. Applicants will be required to prepare two pieces differing in style and tempo for their first instrument and, where applicable, one piece for their second instrument. Aural testing and an interview will also occur during the audition.

If the applicant requires an accompanist during the performance, they must make their own arrangements. Applicants will need to bring a copy of their most recent music examination report(s), a written report from their current music (instrument) teacher and information that demonstrates their involvement in the Performing Arts either within or outside their current school.

Entry Point for General Excellence – Music Scholarships:

Our main scholarship entry point is Year 7 in 2026, however there are also limited scholarships available for Years 8 – 11 in 2026.

For students applying for Scholarships in Year 7/2026 and above (currently in Year 5 and above)

Students applying for a Music Scholarship must be studying at least one instrument at the following minimum AMEB Grade:

- AMEB Grade 5 (or equivalent) for piano, violin and flute
- AMEB Grade 4 (or equivalent) for cello
- AMEB Grade 3 (or equivalent) for other instruments, with special preference given for students who play viola, double bass, oboe and lower brass instruments, who are committed to learning these instruments but may not yet be at a Grade 3 standard.
- Voice is also highly valued as an instrument at Korowa.
It is possible that examinations have not yet been undertaken in voice in this age group. Proof of strong choral training undertaken for at least two years will be considered equivalent to AMEB Grade 2 singing. (Letter of referral from School Choral Director, or a community/children's choir will be required).

Completion of an AMEB examination is not necessary to gain a Music Scholarship, but students must present a repertoire of an equivalent standard at their audition.



HOW TO APPLY



1 Complete the Form Online

Complete the scholarship application form online via the [website](#). All applicants are required to register for the academic scholarship regardless of which scholarship is being applied for.



2 Submit Student Application

Submit an application by **5.00pm on Friday 26 July 2024.**

The following must form part of the online application:

- Answer the relevant questions on the application form
- Provide a scanned copy of the most recent school report
- Provide a scanned copy of most recent NAPLAN results
- Provide a recent photo of the student

(Please do not send hard copy documents to the School)



3 Scholarship Test

Attend the Scholarship test on **Saturday 3 August 2024, 8.15am – 12.30pm.**



4 Music Auditions

Attend music auditions for musical scholarship applicants on **Tuesday 27 August 2024.**

Applicants will be notified during the week of 19 August 2024 of their audition time.



5 Activity Day

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an activity day, that includes testing.

On Testing Day

Registration begins at 8.15am at Korowa. Please note that only one parent should accompany the student to the School.

Students should bring along two pencils and two pens, either black or blue, a water bottle and a snack to eat during the break.

Some staff at the test venue will be trained in first aid and the administration of life-saving medication such as epipens and emergency asthma management. Parents must disclose information about medical conditions and medication to the School and Academic Assessment Services during the application process. Parents may be required to wait in the vicinity of the test venue on Testing Day to administer medication if necessary. There are a number of cafes located on Burke Road close to Central Park.

To keep everyone safe we request that you and/or your child do not attend if you are unwell.

Students will be ready to be **picked up at 12.30pm** from outside the Cripps Building where they were dropped off. Please be on time as staff may not be available to wait with your child if you are significantly late.

After Testing Day

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted within 4–6 weeks of testing.

All other applicants will be notified of the outcome in writing when the scholarship process is complete. Please note that this process can take up to three months, we appreciate your patience. Please do not contact the School regarding the progress of scholarships, all applicants will be contacted.

Once the process has been finalised, individual results will be mailed out to recipients.



Please note:

- Please be aware that should the Principal offer your child a scholarship, acceptance is required within two business days of the offer, together with a School application (\$150), enrolment (\$1400) and holding fee (\$2500).
- The School requires a holding fee of \$2500 per scholarship place. This fee will be credited against Term 2 tuition fees in the year of entry. Should the student not take up the place, the application, enrolment and holding fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- The scholarship covers a fee remission on tuition fees only. The Principal will determine the fee remission at the time of offer and this may range from 20% to 50%. All other costs are charged as per the School's business regulations. Please note that Korowa does not offer 100% scholarships at any level, nor are scholarships negotiable.
- We expect that all scholarship recipients demonstrate a strong and abiding commitment to Korowa, therefore families are expected to repay all scholarship funds to the School should the child leave Korowa before the end of Year 12, unless the Principal approves otherwise.
- The terms and conditions of scholarships should remain confidential and any breach of confidentiality may result in the scholarship being revoked.

Frequently Asked Questions

Which testing organisation conducts the scholarship test at Korowa?

Korowa engages Academic Assessment Services.
<http://www.academicassessment.com.au/>

How many scholarships do you award?

This varies annually and at each year level and depends on the results of testing.

At what rate are scholarships awarded?

Scholarships offered range from 20% to 50% of the tuition fee. Please note that scholarships apply to the tuition fee only, other levies and charges will apply. Korowa does not offer full scholarships at any level, nor are scholarships negotiable.

Do I need to attend a tour before applying for a scholarship?

While not necessary, we highly recommend that families visit the School before applying to ensure that you and your child are confident that Korowa is the right school for you. Tours will not be available during the offer period.

What happens if I accept a scholarship and later change my mind?

All fees paid to date would be forfeited.

Can the School provide feedback on how my child could improve their application for future years?

Due to the volume of applications received and in fairness to all applicants, the School does not provide individual feedback on why an application may have been unsuccessful.

Music Scholarships

Will Korowa pay my child's current music teacher?

As Music Scholarships are awarded for a particular instrument that is taught at Korowa (or in combination with academic or general excellence scholarships), we are not able to pay external music teachers. In the case where the primary instrument is advanced and the relationship between the current teacher and child is well established, the Music Scholarship will be applied to the second instrument and lessons will be undertaken at the School.

What if the School does not have a teacher on staff in my chosen instrument?

Music teachers at Korowa are specialists in their field. Students should still apply and individual circumstances may be discussed.

What level should my child be playing at in order to be considered for a music scholarship?

Please refer to the information about Music Scholarships.