The Music Scholarships are open to instrumental and vocal students who seek to enter the College at Year 7 through to Year 11 level in 2016, and to girls currently attending Seymour College in Year 6 through to Year 10 level in 2015.

The Music Scholarship program enables girls with exceptional musical skill to benefit from a Seymour education while developing their own talent within an atmosphere of excellence in Performing Arts. All Music Scholarship recipients at Seymour are actively involved in the academic and performance programs in Music and have opportunities to develop leadership within the College. They embody the ideals of the Music program which fosters self-expression, creativity, personal discipline, ability to work with others, and a commitment to excellence.

AIMS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

• To provide opportunities for girls with exceptional ability to develop their musicianship, performance skills and leadership experience within an active Performing Arts program.

• To enable them to further their curricular Music studies on many levels and develop advanced skills and a breadth of knowledge across a wide spectrum of musical scholarship.

• To help talented young musicians to develop also as well rounded students who are active members of the College community, integrating their musical activities in a school environment with excellent teaching and the highest academic standards in all subjects.

• To help provide a range of performance skills and a balance of instruments within the College’s orchestral, band and vocal programs, to the benefit of all students.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be taken into consideration when assessing applicants:

• Applicants must be a minimum standard of AMEB Grade 3 or equivalent.

• They must display excellence as performers, with a high degree of technical proficiency and musicality on one or more instruments.

• They must be prepared to play an active part in the musical life of the College in curricular and cocurricular endeavours.

AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS

• Students complete a written application form.

• Scholarships are awarded on the results of an audition, school reports and documentation of previous music exams.

• Short-listed applicants will be required to perform on their chosen instrument two pieces of contrasting music of approximately three to five minutes’ duration (time not to exceed 10 minutes overall). Those who play two instruments should prepare at least one piece on each instrument to a maximum of 10 minutes.

• Vocalists are welcome to apply for scholarships, but should also be learning an instrument to help with ongoing development of musical literacy. They should audition in both areas.

• Applicants are expected to provide their own accompanists.

• Auditions will be held at the College in February 2015.

• Copies of the candidate’s school reports for 2014 and any recent music instrumental or vocal examination reports must accompany the application.
CONDITIONS

• It is expected that successful candidates will participate in a range of cocurricular music activities as suggested by the Director of Music.

• It is expected that successful candidates will continue with their chosen instrument and study Music to senior level in the College curriculum.

APPLICATIONS

Applications must reach the Director of Enrolments and Community Relations, Mrs Sally Penn, no later than 5.00 pm on Friday, 23 January 2015.