



Barker
College

Scholarships



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Mission

An Anglican community inspiring
every learner
every experience
every day

Vision

To be a leader in Christian education
that is characterised by a global vision
that inspires hope

Values

Commitment
Compassion
Courage
Integrity
Respect



We acknowledge the Dharug, Darkinjung, Wonnarua and Yolŋu peoples who are the traditional custodians of the land on which Barker College, Darkinjung Barker, Ngarralingayil Barker and Dhupuma Barker stand. We pay respect to the Elders past, present and emerging of the Dharug, Darkinjung, Wonnarua and Yolŋu nations and extend that respect to other Indigenous people within the Barker College community.

Welcome



The Barker experience is one that inspires hope; hope in others, hope in self and hope for the future.

We believe that strong academic and social growth is evidenced not only in HSC scores but in life and career accomplishments. Students at Barker College are therefore at the heart of our work and we strive to create a positive climate of learning through the school. It is our students and their hearts and minds under God that gives us our purpose.

At Barker we seek to equip our young people who, when they graduate from Barker College, will pass through the Mint Gates and enter the world beyond with a sense of expectation that they will be part of the solution to the great challenges of the future.

I am delighted that you are considering Barker College for your child. Our expectation is that those who are fortunate enough to receive a Scholarship at Barker College are scholars who are leaders in the community and will contribute to the intellectual and cultural leadership in the classroom and in co-curricular experiences.

This booklet is only a brief glimpse of the rich fabric that makes up the life of our School. I encourage you to come and visit us so that we may show you what Barker has to offer.

Please take some time and reflect on the future of your child as you read through this information about the Scholarships offered at Barker College.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "Phillip Heath". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Phillip Heath AM
Head of Barker College

The Barker Experience



Barker College is an Anglican School and a place where young people are prepared for active and responsible participation in the community. It is a school where each member of the community is affirmed, valued and challenged.

Five core values are identified as central to these principles.

- Commitment**
- Compassion**
- Courage**
- Integrity**
- Respect**

All members of the School community strive to be aware of, and adhere to, these values at all times. A Barker College Scholarship recipient's application, would be expected to demonstrate how they have been displaying these values in their current school and community involvement and unpack how they would bring those values to their participation in life at Barker.

Barker has been a part of the fabric of Sydney life since 1890. It is a thriving school with a rich heritage, providing outstanding education for both boys and girls from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12.

We seek to expose our students to diverse opportunities and experiences, so that they are able to develop resilience and adaptability within a supportive environment.

There are two distinct differences at Barker. One is that it's a school that deliberately and intentionally allows people to thrive in a holistic sense – emotionally, physiologically, physically and academically. The second thing is that we have a firm coeducational identity and a firm expression of that. It's a view that everybody can find a place and thrive irrespective of interests, skillset or capacity and be committed to doing that in a way that brings young men and young women together for the proper expression of human interaction and identity.

The Christian heritage of Barker is the inspiration for our values and purpose. We draw on the rich narrative of the life of Jesus yet welcome all traditions into our diverse community.



The Barker Experience

Academic Program

Barker's curriculum is adaptive and flexible, allowing for student choice and catering for interest and ability. Barker students are taught to think critically, apply knowledge in new situations and develop the skills needed to become lifelong learners.

Barker College believes that all students deserve to enjoy an enriched curriculum experience. Therefore, academic enrichment programs are available to all students regardless of academic ability. Programs are designed to enrich and enliven the curriculum and to support academic development. Barker students are fortunate to have access to a broad range of enrichment programs, many which are delivered through the normal process of teaching and learning. These programs are built into departmental programs of study and are accessed through classroom teaching and learning.

Co-curricular Program

The experience inside the classroom is only one part of a Barker education. Co-curricular activities deepen the school experience for all our students, and from the arts to the sporting field, students are encouraged to challenge themselves and uncover their talents.

Our well-established and highly regarded Creative and Performing Arts program incorporates Music, Drama, Dance, Debating and Public Speaking, Visual Arts, Photography, plays and Musicals and Major Work Exhibitions.

We aim to inspire a lifelong love of creative and performing arts in an atmosphere of enjoyment and mutual respect, engaging all students in creative, active and purposeful learning. We provide an innovative continuum of teaching and learning from K-12, through an expansive curricular and co-curricular program.

Barker has one of the largest music programs in Australia. Of the 2500 students, approximately 50% are engaged in and participate every week, from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12, in a wide-ranging co-curricular music program. The Music Program has 27 ensembles and there are a wide variety of performance opportunities for students.

Students also actively contribute to and support local initiatives including Hornsby Connect, Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter, House nominated charities and the School has a long standing relationship with the nearby Clarke Road Special Education School.

Sport is compulsory for all students from Year 3 – 12. In line with the School's Mission and Vision, we strive to provide a positive experience for all Barker students within the sports program. Our aim is to create an environment in which students can challenge themselves without the fear of failure, where they can achieve personal goals and where they can feel comfortable trying a new skill or sport for the first time.

Scholarships Application and Criteria

All students applying for a Scholarship are required to submit an application through Academic Assessment Services and sit the Scholarship Examination. The Scholarship Examination is generally held in November of the year the student is in Year 5 and the year the student is in Year 9. Further submission details can be found on the Scholarship page of Barker's website.

The award of a Scholarship is subject to a student satisfying Barker's general requirements for academic entry as well as meeting the selection criteria for the award of a Scholarship as determined by their performance in the Scholarship examination. It is also conditional upon the student maintaining excellent progress and conduct throughout their time at Barker.

All Scholarships are subject to annual review but are normally tenable until Year 12, provided that the Scholarship recipient demonstrates continuing satisfactory academic performance and conduct. In addition to these requirements, students holding Scholarships will be expected to:

Maintain a place in the rank order of their year group which attains a Distinction Prize (top 5% of the cohort) for academic scholarships;

- Maintain a high rating in the School's Approaches to Learning;
- Demonstrate a commitment to and high levels of participation in a range of co-curricular activities including at least one team-based sporting activity, one cultural activity and one community service-related activity each year; and,

- Show consistently high standards of citizenship.

Students are strongly encouraged to submit supporting documentation with their Scholarship application.

All Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Scholarship Review Panel who are appointed by the Head of Barker College and is headed by the Head of Curriculum and Director of Enrolments. Depending on the Scholarship being considered, they are also supported by the Head of Sport, Head of Music, Head of Boarding, Director of Global Partnerships, representatives of the School Council, Barker Foundation and Old Barker Association and other members of Barker's senior leadership team as required.



Scholarships for Year 7

Barker currently offers the following Scholarships for entry in Year 7.

Academic Scholarships — The Council of Barker College provides up to three Scholarships for students of outstanding academic potential entering Year 7. Barker currently offers Academic Scholarships to the value of between 50% - 100% of tuition fees only. Academic Scholarships are available to external applicants only.

Music Scholarships — The Council of Barker College provides up to two Music Scholarships to students entering Year 7 who play an orchestral instrument or are vocalists up to the value of 50% of academic tuition fees. Music scholars are also provided with music lesson tuition in one instrument or vocal tuition up to the value of \$120 per week, to the value of \$5000 per annum.

Co-curricular Scholarships — The Council of Barker College provides up to four Scholarships for students who demonstrate a commitment to co-curricular pursuits which may include, but are not limited to, community service, sport, creative arts, robotics or citizenship.

Evelyn Hill Scholarship — Named in honour of former student Evelyn Hill who was one of the first students of Rev. Henry Plume in 1890 and was one of the first women to enter Sydney University. This Scholarship is for a girl commencing in Year 7 who shows outstanding academic potential and covers 100% of academic tuition.

Academic Scholarships, subject specific —

Up to a maximum of four additional Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Head of Barker to students entering Year 7 who demonstrate particular aptitude for Mathematics, Science, English, or the creative arts generally. Selection criteria for these individual subject Scholarships include presentation of a portfolio of work indicating the range and depth of a student's experience and capability in their preferred area of study. These Scholarships are not available to students currently attending the School and are for 25% of Academic tuition fees only.

The Barker Foundation Scholarship — This is an open-entry Scholarship for students seeking to enter Year 7, who are Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia, who meet established selection criteria, including outstanding academic potential and meritorious performance in academic work, as well as grounds of financial need or equity. This Scholarship is open to all members of the community. All applicants will be broadly assessed against the same criteria which apply to School Council Academic Scholarships. The Barker Foundation Scholarship is for 50% of the academic tuition fees only and may not be awarded every year.

While performance in the Scholarship examination is taken into account, aspects of the student's character and community-mindedness are also important in the determination of the award. The Barker Foundation Scholarship has particularly been established to offer the opportunity to attend Barker College to a student whose family circumstances might not otherwise enable him or her to do so.



The Leslie's Men Scholarship — This Scholarship has been endowed by Old Boys who attended the School during the term of WS Leslie as Headmaster (1933-1957) and is awarded to a student entering Year 7.

All applicants are assessed on the same criteria which applies to academic Scholarships, although the applicant's involvement in team sports and other cultural and recreational pursuits is also taken into account in recognition of WS Leslie's strong belief in the importance of such activities in a young person's life.

While performance in the Scholarship examination is taken into account in the award of the Scholarship, aspects of the student's character and community-mindedness are also important in the determination of the award. Applicants are interviewed by a panel including the incumbent Chairman of Leslie's Men, together with the Head of Barker College and the Director of Enrolments.

The Leslie's Men Scholarship has particularly been established to offer the opportunity to attend Barker College to a student whose family circumstances might not otherwise enable him or her to do so. The Leslie's Men Scholarship is for 50% of the academic tuition fees only.

Barker Barang Indigenous Scholarship — This Scholarship is for an Indigenous student entering Year 7. It covers 100% of academic tuition.

The Copeland Scholarship — The E. W. Copeland Scholarship is awarded to two outstanding applicants from the Barker College Junior School and provides assistance of an amount up to 50% of Academic tuition for Years 7 to 12. One Scholarship is awarded to a boy and one to a girl. Students are required to sit the Scholarship examination.

Scholarships for Year 10

Barker College currently offers the following Scholarships for entry in Year 10.

Academic Scholarships – The Council of Barker College provides up to five Scholarships for boys and girls of outstanding academic potential entering Year 10. Boys currently attending Barker College are eligible to apply for these scholarships, as are students entering Barker at Year 10 level. Barker currently offers Academic Scholarships to the value of 50% of tuition fees only.

Music Scholarships – The Council of Barker College provides up to two Music Scholarships to students entering Year 10 who play an orchestral instrument or are vocalists. Barker Music Scholarships provide assistance with general School tuition fees and also with instrumental or vocal tuition. The award of a Music Scholarship is conditional upon the scholar maintaining satisfactory progress, conduct and participation in the co-curricular music program throughout their time in the Senior School. Music scholars are also expected to study Music as part of their HSC studies. This scholarship covers up to 50% of academic tuition. Music scholars are also provided with music lesson tuition in one instrument or vocal tuition up to the value of \$120 per week, to the value of \$5000 per annum.

Co-curricular Sports Scholarships – The Council of Barker College provides up to four Scholarships for students who demonstrate a commitment to co-curricular sport. Students who are awarded this Scholarship show excellence and future potential in their chosen sport and can demonstrate that they will add to the life of the School through their participation and attitude. The amount awarded is at the discretion of the Scholarship Review Panel.

The Barker Foundation Scholarship – This is an open-entry Scholarship for students seeking to enter Year 10, who are Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia who meet established selection criteria, including outstanding academic potential and meritorious performance in academic work, as well as grounds of financial need or equity. This Scholarship is open to all members of the community. All applicants will be broadly assessed against the same criteria which apply to School Council Academic Scholarships. The Barker Foundation Scholarship is for 50% of the academic tuition fees only.

While performance in the Scholarship examination is taken into account, aspects of the student's character and community-mindedness are also important in the determination of the award. The Barker Foundation Scholarship has particularly been established to offer the opportunity to attend Barker College to a student whose family's circumstances might not otherwise enable him or her to do so.

Boarding Scholarships



The Reefton Scholarship — The Reefton Scholarship was established by a former Barker parent in appreciation for the education her two sons received while boarding at Barker College. The Reefton Scholarship is available to a boy entering Year 10 who is resident in rural NSW, ideally on a farming property, and who shows application in his schoolwork as well as aptitude and interest in team sports. The Reefton Scholarship covers 50% of the boarding costs for three years only, however it is not necessarily awarded each year.

Boarding Scholarships — These Scholarships are normally awarded to students residing in country areas of NSW or interstate and are for a reduction of up to 50% in the boarding fees only, not academic fees, for three years.

Academic and Boarding Scholarships — The Council of Barker College provides up to two Academic and Boarding Scholarships to students entering Boarding in Year 10. These Scholarships are awarded to students of outstanding academic potential who demonstrate a commitment to contributing to the life of the School through their participation in Boarding. These Scholarships offer up to 50% of Boarding fees and 50% of Academic tuition.

Other Scholarships

Other Scholarships offered which are subject to specific criteria

Toplis Scholarship - Barker is pleased to offer the Toplis Scholarship in conjunction with Legacy Australia. Since 1923 Legacy have proudly supported the children of Australian service personnel veterans to reach their true potential, regardless of their personal circumstances. This Scholarship honours the service of Barker Old Boy Ralph Colin Toplis who attended Barker from 1942-1950 and joined the National Service Scheme in 1952. The Scholarship will provide the costs of academic tuition, uniforms, textbooks and other education expenses for a day or boarding student for Years 11 and 12 whose parent or step-parent is a current or former member of the Australian Defence Force. Further information can be found [here](http://www.barker.college/media/3727/toplis-scholarship.pdf).

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Indigenous Scholarships — Barker is pleased to offer several Indigenous Scholarships to students in Years 7-12. Indigenous Scholarships provide 100% of tuition fees, activities charges (excursions, camps and school events) and technology charge (device and software) for day students. Boarding Scholarships are provided in Year 10-12 only and provide 75% of tuition fees, activities charge and technology charge and 50% of Boarding fees.



Next Steps

1. Apply for a Scholarship online:
AAS external applicants [here](#)
AAS internal applicants [here](#)
2. Complete the registration form and pay the Application Fee.
3. Submit an application form and supporting documents via the online application link above. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
4. You will receive an email from Academic Assessment Services (AAS) prior to the Scholarship Examination date with further details.
5. Successful Scholarship applicants will be invited for interview approximately two weeks after the examination. Selected Music applicants will be chosen to audition, usually the day after the examination.

Contact

For more information, please contact the Barker Enrolments Office on +61 2 8438 7207 or enrolments@barker.nsw.edu.au



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