

Scholarships at Cranbrook

Cranbrook School's mission is to encourage and enable all of its students to explore, enjoy and fulfil their potential.

We support our mission within a strong academic framework, which develops academic rigour and intellectual growth within an environment of responsibility and respect. We prepare our students to voyage out beyond the comfortable, with courage and confidence. We value critical thinking and strive to build self-belief for all our students.

Our intellectual aims are supported by a first-rate pastoral system; students are provided with many different opportunities and pathways to build lasting and mutually beneficial relationships with their peers and the wider Cranbrook community. This fosters a sense of belonging and ensures that each and every student receives the individual care they deserve.

Our programmes are based upon academic, cultural and personal development to ensure that the potential of our students is realised in accordance with their particular abilities and aspirations.

A scholarship at Cranbrook would provide your child with many opportunities and experiences.

Important dates for your application

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS	Monday 14 October 2024	Visit www.cranbrook.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/ scholarships to submit online applications
ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSES	Tuesday 28 January 2025	Online registration closes at 5pm
MUSIC AUDITIONS	Thursday 13 February 2025	Music auditions will be held between 1pm – 4pm
SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION	Friday 14 February 2025	Cranbrook School Scholarship Examination at Cranbrook Senior School
SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEWS	Week beginning Monday 17 March 2025	Scholarship interviews for invited candidates
APPLICANTS CONTACTED	Monday 7 April 2025	All applicants informed if successful

To apply for a scholarship, please register online via the link on our website: www.cranbrook.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/scholarships

Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic results from the *Academic Assessment Services Australia* Scholarship Examination, an interview and submission of an academic portfolio. Please see the online application for portfolio requirements at: www.cranbrook.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/scholarships

Academic Scholarships are awarded for up to 100% of tuition fees. There will be additional and separate charges outside of tuition fees levied for excursions, tours or optional extras such as individual lessons on a musical instrument. These charges are payable by parents/carers and do not form part of the scholarship. Scholarships may be withdrawn with notice if performance falls below expected levels.

PREREQUISITES

The student must have achieved outstanding academic results, and displayed commitment to, and involvement in their current school.

SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS

All scholarship applicants, both Academic and Music candidates are required to attend the scholarship examination on Friday 14 February 2025. The examination is designed to identify and distinguish between students of high academic ability. Students undertake timed assessments in the following areas:

- Abstract reasoning and problem solving
- Mathematics achievement and reasoning
- Reading comprehension
- Written expression

Each part of the examination is approximately 45 minutes in length, apart from Written Expression which is 25 minutes long.

Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Head of School and all decisions are final.

INTERVIEW PROCESS

Selected applicants will be invited to undertake an interview with members of the Scholarship Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP OBLIGATIONS

Academic Scholars are expected to maintain high standards both in academic performance and co-curricular activities. Academic Scholars are required to undergo an annual review and interview regarding their scholarship and overall performance across the academics and wider life of the School. Academic Scholars are expected to strive for a place on the Head's List of Outstanding Academic Attitude and Effort every term. As a matter of policy, scholarship holders who do not meet these expectations may have their scholarship placed under review.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Australian citizens
- Students in Year 6, entering Year 7 2026 including current students at Cranbrook Junior School
- Current applicants to Cranbrook School for Year 7
 2026 (with or without a confirmed place)
- External applicants to Cranbrook School
- Applicants must be available to attend interviews the week beginning Monday 17 March 2025.

Music Scholarships

Music Scholarships are awarded to students entering Year 7, who demonstrate outstanding musical talent on any instrument or voice — Strings, Choral, Brass, Woodwind, Percussion, Keyboard and Contemporary Music.

Music Scholarships may be awarded for full or partial remission of academic tuition fees plus full instrumental lesson fee remission.

There are additional and separate charges outside of tuition fees levied for excursions, tours or optional extras. These charges are payable by parents/carers and do not form part of a Music Scholarship.

Consistent with Academic Scholarship applicants, Music Scholarship applicants are also required to undertake the Academic Assessment Services Australia Scholarship Examination.

PREREQUISITES

Applicants must display outstanding commitment to, and involvement in their current school's music programme, including punctual and enthusiastic attendance to at least one weekly ensemble. A reference from the Music Teacher from the student's current school is required in support of this information.

The student must perform at a creditable level in the Cranbrook School Scholarship Examination.

The following grade levels provide a general description of the minimum performance standard required to be considered for a Music Scholarship. Please note these are provided only as a broad guide due to the strong demand for scholarships. The Director of Music will favourably consider perceived attitude and commitment as well as Cranbrook's ensemble requirements.

Grade 7 – Piano, Violin, Cello, Saxophone, Drum Kit, Guitar

Grade 6 – Viola, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Orchestral Percussion, Voice

Grade 4 – Double Bass, French Horn. Trombone, Tuba, Oboe, Bassoon

AUDITION AND INTERVIEW PROCESS

Applicants are to submit a video recording of two contrasting works totalling 6-8 min in length. This is to be submitted as a MP4 file and recorded on a standard iPhone or iPad device. This performance should be in one run with no edits of any kind.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to undertake an audition on Thursday 13 February 2025 between 1pm – 4pm, and interview before a panel headed by the Director of Music, Senior School. Auditions will involve the performance of two contrasting works, and a brief aural examination. In addition, all applicants are required to prepare and sing a simple song of their choosing (no longer than two verses).

Short-listed applicants from the audition process will then be invited to undertake an interview with members of the Scholarship Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP OBLIGATIONS

Music Scholars are expected to maintain extremely high standards both in both music and academic performance.

Music Scholars are required to select elective Music from Year 9 through to the HSC/IB Diploma Programme.

Music Scholars are required to participate in the School's ensembles as guided by the Director of Music, Senior School, including the School's choral programme.

Music Scholars are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of behaviour, punctuality and musicianship in all aspects of musical endeavour.

SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW

A panel headed by the Director of Music undertakes annual scholarship reviews.

Music Scholarships may be revoked at any time should the Scholar not adhere to the Scholarship obligations as outlined above.

Music Scholarships may also be withdrawn with notice if performance falls below expected levels.

INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL TUTORS

Music Scholars are required to study with the School's music tutors. Other teachers may be considered subject to assessment by the Director of Music. If an external tutor is approved, lesson fees will be refunded up to the Cranbrook specified lesson fee amount for the year.

Cranbrook School offers Music Scholars access to some of Sydney's leading music educators with specialist Heads of instrumental areas in addition to a full-time accompanist, composition teacher and a world-class recording studio.

How to Apply

Thank you for your interest in a scholarship at Cranbrook School. Please follow the steps below to submit your application.

STEP 1

Register online for the Cranbrook School Scholarship Examination via <u>www.cranbrook.</u> nsw.edu.au/enrolment/scholarships

Fees for participation are collected at this point.

STEP 2

In addition to the online application, a portfolio as outlined below must be submitted via the Academic Assessment Services website by 5pm Tuesday 28 January 2025.

- Copies of the last two most recent school reports
- A copy of the student's last NAPLAN results
- Copies of any awards/academic achievements
- Details of the student's other co-curricular activities at school or in the community such as volunteer work, leadership positions held, etc
- For Music Scholarship applicants, details of music examinations, gradings and relevant results

Please note that portfolios will NOT be accepted via email. All portfolios must be submitted online via the Academic Assessment Services website.

A letter indicating whether the applicant has been successful or otherwise will be sent to the parent/guardian by Monday 7 April 2025.

Please contact the Admissions Department for information about testing in regional or international locations.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS AND CANDIDATES ATTENDING EXAMS

- Parents, please be sure to arrive ahead of time as there is no on-site parking available
- Students are to be signed in and signed out after the assessment
- On the day of the examination pay careful attention to the supervisor's instructions about where to record answers for each section of the test
- Read all instructions carefully
- To avoid making careless mistakes, do not rush, work steadily and if one question is too difficult, move on, every question is of equal value
- Do not worry if you have left questions out and cannot finish, many others may also find some questions difficult

OFFERS AND ACCEPTANCE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- The School will contact selected applicants to arrange an interview shortly after examination results are received by the School
- All scholarship recipients must pay the current Enrolment Fee on acceptance of a Scholarship

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact the Admissions Department on 02 9327 9000, or via email enrol@cranbrook.nsw.edu.au

PLEASE NOTE

The examination will be held on Friday 14 February 2025. If you do not attend the examination, your application for a scholarship will be cancelled.







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