



GUIDE TO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ENTRY IN 2020

Casey Grammar School is pleased to offer academic scholarships providing up to 50% remission of annual tuition fees until the end of Year 12.

The Scholarships are for students entering Year 9 and Year 10 in 2020.

Casey Grammar School is a Prep to Year 12 school with a proven reputation for providing quality education. We encourage students to succeed academically, personally, spiritually and socially on their journey towards excellence. We value the ideals of respect, tolerance and integrity and take great pride in offering a warm, nurturing and natural environment to provide our students with an exceptional all-round education and love of learning and an informed awareness of the Christian faith.

We believe that for young people to reach potential, we must value the total educational program and the holistic development of students. We provide learning opportunities within the classroom, across the curriculum and beyond the school.

Our campus has modern facilities to enhance learning and meet the ever-changing needs of schooling while our highly trained teaching staff work with dedication and a true commitment to the growth of each and every student.

- **Scholarships are open to new and existing students of Casey Grammar School**
- **Scholarships are available to Australian citizens or permanent residents only**
- **Academic scholarship testing will be held at Casey Grammar School on Saturday 2 March 2019**
- **Application fee \$100 (payable to Academic Assessment Services) – per student**
- **Applications close on Friday 15 February 2019**

How to apply

Access to online registration is via the school's website: www.caseygrammar.vic.edu.au/scholarships

Ensure you have a current email address and valid credit card for payment purposes.

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Academic scholarship test information

Scholarship tests are designed to identify and distinguish between students of high academic ability. They are more difficult than the normal achievement tests students often take in schools.

They are timed tests assessing how clearly a student can demonstrate higher-order critical thinking skills. Students are assessed in:

- **Abstract Reasoning and Problem Solving** – this test assesses the ability to reason with and analyse information using verbal, mathematical, figural and spatial concepts.
- **Mathematics Achievement and Reasoning** – students are assessed on mathematics reasoning tasks. These are different to curriculum-based mathematics and focus on problem-solving skills.
- **Reading Comprehension** – this test assesses the ability to remember, locate, analyse, evaluate, derive and combine text propositions with fiction and non-fiction texts of increasing complexity.
- **Written Expression** – this test assesses students' facility with written language. A stimulus is provided for students to produce a piece of writing in a particular genre (e.g. narrative or argument) depending on the requirements of the school.

Each task is around 40 - 45 minutes in length, except for Written Expression, which is 25 minutes.

These tasks measure how a child performs in relation to the cohort sitting the exam.

Students and parents need to be aware that these tests maybe demanding and that not all students will complete each test within the time allowed. It is important students do not spend too much time on questions they find too difficult.

Offers and acceptance

Short-listed candidates will be contacted directly by the school and appointments for interview will be scheduled shortly after the testing.

Offers will take place at the conclusion of interviews for those candidates who have been short-listed. All Candidates will be notified of their outcome at the earliest opportunity – this should be by no later than 2 April 2019.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I obtain further details about the school including a copy of the school's Prospectus and the School Fee Structure?

These details can be obtained by visiting the school's website www.caseygrammar.vic.edu.au/enrolments

How many scholarships are offered each year?

This varies each year and depends on the calibre of candidates.

How do I prepare for these tests?

Special preparation or coaching is not likely to improve your results. The best preparation is to arrive relaxed and refreshed on the testing day. A good night's sleep is very important.

Prior to the testing date

Please advise the school and Academic Assessment Services of any serious medical conditions which may require monitoring on the testing morning e.g. EpiPen, Diabetes.

Please Note: We do not provide sample test papers.

During the test session

- Listen carefully to directions from the Supervisor
- Read questions carefully and do not rush
- Sometimes it is wise to read a question a second time
- Use a process of elimination to choose your best answer
- If a question is too difficult, it is better to leave the answer space blank and come back later if there is time
- Always match the answer number correctly from the test booklet to the answer sheet
- Remember that nobody is expected to answer all questions – work steadily and do your best
- For practice fill in the sample personal information sheet, identifying your name, date of birth and your language background before the test day.

About the tests

With the exception of Written Expression each test is multiple-choice. (This means you are provided with a choice of five possible responses, one of which is correct). In most tasks the tests are in ascending order of difficulty. (Meaning each item is more difficult than the one before).

Each test is timed, usually around 40-45 minutes in length, except for written expression, which is 25 minutes in length. You may score highly even if you do not finish the test, but remember to keep working steadily throughout each task.

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On the scholarship examination day

- Bring two pens – blue or black. All other materials will be provided
- Bring food and drink for the recess break (unless advised otherwise by the school)
- Bring tissues
- Make sure to arrive ahead of the time given. Being late may unsettle you
- Use the toilet before the first test session. Interruptions may affect results
- Relax and do your best
- The four tests are held in two sessions
- There is a 20-minute break between each session
- Entry for late arrivals is at the sole discretion of the test supervisor
- Unpaid applicants will not be permitted to attend the testing
- Medication must be clearly labelled with the candidate's name and placed in a suitable plastic pocket. All medication will be received by staff from the AAS and supervised accordingly.
- Candidates will also be directed to bathroom facilities as necessary.
- Please clearly label any items mentioned above with the name of your child prior to your arrival.
- Parents can remain on campus and wait for their child/ren to complete the examination.

Test location

Casey Grammar School – VCE Centre
3 New Holland Drive
Cranbourne East VIC 3977
Telephone: 03 5991 0800

Please enter the carpark via Gate 1.

Examination Schedule

8:10am	Candidates arrive with parents/guardians)
8:30am	Candidates escorted to examination rooms
8:45am	Testing commences
10:40am	Recess break
11:00am	Testing recommences for students
12:30pm	Testing concludes for students
12:45pm	Students will be available for collection

Please Note: To comply with examination criteria, parents will not be able to meet with their child/children during breaks.