



# ST PIUS X COLLEGE

## CHATSWOOD

### **BERGELIN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

St Pius X College Chatswood is a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition. Through its Fee Concession Policy and the Scholarship and Awards program, the College endeavours to provide access to those families who would not ordinarily seek enrolment and to enable each student who receives a benefit the opportunity of a Catholic education in the Edmund Rice Tradition. This is consistent with the Charter for schools like the College which are part of Edmund Rice Education Australia and the Inclusive Community Touchstone which states:

*"A Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition .... Strives to provide access to those who otherwise would not seek enrolment."*

The Bergelin scholarship is funded by a bequest from an Old Boy, Mr Terrence Bergelin, who received a bursary from the Christian Brothers for the last two years of his schooling at St Pius X. He graduated in the class of 1955 and upon his death in 2008 his Will allowed for a substantial bequest.

The scholarship is awarded to a **Year 11 or 12 student** who shows an aptitude towards entering a trade at the completion of school. He may have a range of abilities and capacity as demonstrated by participation in TAS, Art and VET programs as appropriate. The student must make a positive contribution to the life of the College as demonstrated by his involvement in the overall College program and be responsive to staff.

One scholarship is awarded each year via application and determined by the College Scholarship Committee.

The value of the scholarship is \$3,000.00 per student.

If you wish to apply for a Bergelin Scholarship please complete the following form and return to the attention of the Business Manager at the College.

**SECTION A FAMILY INFORMATION**

Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Current Year Group \_\_\_\_\_

Current student  Prospective student   
 Please specify proposed commencement year

**Parent / Guardian 1 Details.** Relationship to the applicant: Father  Mother  Other   
 Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone H: \_\_\_\_\_ W: \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ FT  PT  Casual

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent / Guardian 2 Details.** Relationship to the applicant: Father  Mother  Other   
 Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone H: \_\_\_\_\_ W: \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ FT  PT  Casual

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

**Other dependents**

Name	DOB	M/F	School / College	Maintained by Guardian		
				1	2	Both

**SECTION B ASPIRATIONAL INFORMATION**

## Background for making this application

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**The interests and skills of a young man vary and change as they mature, however, has your son considered at this time any specific courses and/or vocational areas of employment after school? If so what are these?**

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**Please comment on the particular talents of your son with respect to his aptitude to enter a trade after the completion of his time at the College.**

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**Please provide details of your sons involvement in the College and / or community activities:**

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**You may wish to attach statements, references or any other documents which reflect aspects of your sons activities and development.**

**SECTION C DECLARATION**

I/we affirm that

a). I/we am/are the parents/guardian of the child in this application

b). The information set out in this statement and attachments which is within my/our personal knowledge is true. All statements are based on my/our knowledge and is/are given in good faith. All other information given in this statement and any attachments is true to the best of my/our knowledge, information and belief.

**Parent/Guardian 1 Signature**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Before me: Justice of the Peace/Solicitor**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reg Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent /Guardian 2 Signature**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Before me: Justice of the Peace/Solicitor**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reg Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

### **College Position on Award of the Bergelin Scholarships**

A *Bergelin Scholarship* is defined as:

- A partial exemption from paying tuition fees set by the College
- The awarding of Bergelin Scholarship does not exempt families from all financial obligations to the College.

A Bergelin Scholarship may be allocated at the discretion of the College Scholarship Committee in the following circumstances:

- To a student who shows an aptitude to enter a trade.
- The student achieves an acceptable academic standard (as determined by the Principal at his absolute discretion)
- The student is able to contribute to the life of the College via co-curricular activities, liturgy, social justice, the arts and/or leadership.
- The student is responsive to staff.

The parents or guardians are asked to:

- Complete the application form and return it to the College.
- Collect and submit the relevant documentation to support the Statement to the satisfaction of the College Scholarship Committee

The *College Position on award of the Bergelin Scholarship* is directly related to the *Fee Concession Policy (May 2015)* and will be awarded in consideration of the following matters:

- St Pius X College is part of Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) which operates within the mission of the Church in which every child is entitled to an Education.
- Every school faces the challenge of achieving equity and fairness in relation to the setting and collection of fees.
- The College is a non-profit organisation where expenses are shared by all parents.
- As a Catholic school, income is received from Government grants, school fees and fundraising.
- The level of fees charged must be sufficient to support the educational program of the College.
- Students enrolled at the College come from a range of backgrounds and a variety of socio-economic circumstances.
- Parents who enrol their sons at St Pius X College do so with the knowledge of their financial obligations.
- The College acknowledges that the employment and earning capacity of families may change during their son's time at the College.
- The setting of fees is sensitive to the financial constraints upon families wishing to send their sons to St Pius X College.

**As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, no student at St Pius X College will be precluded because of the family's inability to pay fees. This, however, is dependent on:**

- Pro-activity by parents in notifying of an inability to pay.
- An agreement being reached between the College and parents about the capacity of parents to a partial contribution to the payment of fees.
- Willingness on the part of parents to provide current, accurate evidence of hardship.
- A commitment by parents to update the College in relation to their financial situation.
- The timely payment of any partial contribution in accordance with the agreement.

In the case of financial hardship being assessed and confirmed, the College may offer payment plans, fee concession and, in the most needy cases, a Scholarship. All are approved at the absolute discretion of the Principal with advice from relevant committees. The College budget is set out to ensure that funds are available to assist those families experiencing financial difficulties.