



ST PIUS X COLLEGE

CHATSWOOD

EDMUND RICE 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 College offers Edmund Rice Scholarships to eligible students who may not otherwise be able to attend the College because of financial hardship. They are primarily offered to **students applying for entry into Years 5, 6 or 7** and are determined by the College Scholarship Committee. Applications will be considered for other Year groups at the Principal's discretion.

The Edmund Rice Scholarships are means tested and are reviewed annually based on continued positive contribution to the life of the College for ongoing eligibility.

The value of the scholarship is full or partial remission of tuition fees.

Eligible students will show a commitment to learning and an ability to contribute to the life of the College.

If you wish to apply for an Edmund Rice 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 School _____

Please specify proposed commencement year

In what year group do you hope to enter the College

Parent / Guardian 1 Details. Relationship to 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 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 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

If parents are separated/divorced, then both parents must complete separate Financial Information forms.

Cash Flow Section

FAMILY INCOME	\$	FAMILY COMMITMENTS	\$
PER MONTH:		PER MONTH:	
Parent/Guardian 1 wages (after tax)		House Mortgage Repayments	
Parent/Guardian 2 wages (after tax)		Rent	
Pension/Social Security		Car Loan	
Family Allowance/Supplement		St Pius X School Fees	
Investments		Other School Fees	
Rent		Credit Cards	
Other Income (give details)		Other Loans	
		Living Expenses	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

Supporting documentary evidence is recommended and should accompany this application. Examples of documents that may support your application may include recent:

- Pay advices
- Tax returns
- Bank statements
- Loan statements
- Credit card statements

Asset Section

FAMILY ASSETS	\$	FAMILY LIABILITIES:	\$
Family Home		Mortgage	
Investment Property		Personal Loans	
Shares		Credit Cards	
Motor Vehicle(s)		School Fees	
Bank accounts		Other Loans	
Any other assets		Other Debts	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

Do you currently hold a Concession Card (e.g. Health Care Card)? YES / NO

Have you applied for any government benefits? YES / NO

If yes, please state the name of benefits _____

SECTION D DECLARATION

I/we affirm that

- a). I/we am/are the parents/guardian of the child in this application
- b). I/we am/are aware that I/we have an obligation to make a full and frank disclosure to St Pius X College of my/our financial situation.
- c). The information set out in this statement and attachments which is within my/our personal knowledge is true. Where I/we have given an estimate in this statement, it is 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.
- d). I/we have no income, property or financial resources other than as set out in this statement.

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 Edmund Rice Scholarships

An *Edmund Rice Scholarship* is defined as:

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

An Edmund Rice Scholarship may be allocated at the discretion of the College Scholarship Committee in the following circumstances:

- To a student whose family's financial circumstances would normally preclude him from entering the College.
- 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 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 Edmund Rice 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.