Music Scholarship Application for entry in 2024

Meriden offers a culturally-rich learning environment, a central part of which is the Meriden Music Department. Girls with outstanding musical ability and potential are inspired, encouraged and nurtured through a challenging classroom program and the many orchestras, bands, choirs and chamber ensembles on offer. Meriden girls often achieve exceptional results in Music in the HSC and many go on to further study of music.

Music Scholarships provide full or part remission of tuition fees up to the HSC, subject to satisfactory progress and participation. The Music Scholarship may be reviewed periodically depending on the student's progress, music leadership and school involvement.

Music scholars typically become leaders in the musical life of the School. They are expected to participate fully in relevant music-related cocurricular activities and concerts, including national and international Music tours. Failure to do this may lead to cancellation of the scholarship. Music scholars usually study Music as an elective subject from Year 9 to the HSC.

The standard for a Music Scholarship at Meriden is very high.

Please read the eligibility and application requirements prior to completing your application.

The closing date for applications is Friday, 3 February 2023.

Eligibility

Scholarship applicants must be permanent residents of Australia. Students who are on student visas are ineligible for a Scholarship at Meriden.

Scholarship applicants must be enrolled in Year 6 in 2023 and meet the following minimum criteria:

Strings: AMEB Grade 5 or equivalent Woodwind: AMEB Grade 3 or equivalent Brass: AMEB Grade 3 or equivalent Piano: AMEB Grade 6 or equivalent Percussion: AMEB Grade 3 or equivalent Voice: AMEB Grade 3 or equivalent

Note: Girls who play a double reed instrument, saxophone or a brass instrument at a sufficiently high standard may be given priority in the allocation of auditions.

Application Requirements

Each applicant must submit an application form together with the following documents by Friday, 3 February 2023.

- a personal letter from the applicant which outlines the student's musical and other experiences, interests and goals including leadership achievements and community involvement
- most recent AMEB practical exam certificate and report (or equivalent)
- most recent AMEB Theory of Music/Musicianship exam certificate (if attempted)
- most recent school music report
- adjudicator's marks and comments from recent eisteddfods and competitions (if applicable)
- a letter of reference from instrumental or vocal teacher
- a letter of reference from the conductor of any music ensembles of which the student is a member (if applicable)
- a certified copy of the student's birth certificate
- copy of Parent's Citizenship or Permanent Residency Certificate (if parent's were not born in Australia)
- a copy of the student's immunisation history from Medicare Australia
- most recent school reports
- most recent NAPLAN results

Note: Please do not place documents in a folder. A paper clip will suffice.



Auditions will be held at Meriden on Tuesday, 14 February Wednesday, 15 February and Thursday, 16 February 2023. Each audition will take approximately 15 minutes during which candidates must present the following material:

- two contrasting prepared pieces. In the case of girls auditioning on two instruments, or one instrument and voice, one piece for each will suffice. (It is recommended that girls audition on their best instrument only.)
- sight reading as set by the auditioning panel
- an aural test, similar to those used by the AMEB

Note: Aural skills and sight reading ability need to be at a high level.

Accompanists

Auditions must be accompanied. Candidates may bring their own accompanist or use the School's accompanist. If using the School's accompanist, music must be submitted to the Music Department one week prior to the day of the audition.

Photocopies

Candidates are asked to be aware of the law in regard to photocopied music. No copies are permitted for the audition, either for the candidate or for the accompanist. Only purchased original music may be used.

Important Information about the Audition

- 1. An application for a Music Scholarship will not automatically result in an audition and no refund will be given.
- 2. An audition will be granted on the basis of the information supplied in the application and supporting documents.
- 3. Those girls who are granted an audition will be notified by **Wednesday, 8 February 2023**.
- 4. The auditioning panel may choose to hear only part of prepared pieces.

Application Fee

A non-refundable application fee of \$150 applies to all applications. Payment must be made with your application form, in order for your application to proceed.

How to Apply

Complete the application form and forward with your payment to:

The Registrar Meriden 3 Margaret Street Strathfield NSW 2135 (PO Box 78, Strathfield NSW 2135)

Your documents must be submitted with the application form.

If you are applying for both the Academic and Music Scholarships, separate applications must be made. Candidates applying for a Music Scholarship only do not need to sit the Academic Scholarship test. Application for an Academic Scholarship must be made on-line via the Meriden website: www.meriden.nsw.edu.au

Key Dates

Closing date for applications and supporting documents

Friday, 3 February 2023

Notification of audition by

Wednesday, 8 February 2023

Audition (if notified)

Tuesday, 14 February 2023 or Wednesday, 15 February 2023 or Thursday, 16 February 2023

Privacy Notice

The information supplied on this form is required by Meriden to manage the Scholarship application. No personal information will be disclosed outside Meriden without your express consent, except where required by law. Meriden's Privacy Policy is available on the Meriden website.

If you require further information about Music at Meriden or assistance with your Scholarship application, please contact Mrs Gina Malley, Registrar, on **(02) 9752 9444**.



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DECLARATION

I hereby apply for a Music Scholarship for the above student at Meriden. I understand that acceptance of this application form	ı does
not constitute an offer of a scholarship. I authorise Meriden to contact the student's instrument/voice teacher if deemed necessity	essary
in relation to the application.	

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