

Music Scholarship Application for entry in 2026

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, 31 January 2025.

Eligibility

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

Scholarship applicants must be enrolled in Year 6 in 2025 and meet the following minimum criteria:

Strings:	AMEB Grade 6 or equivalent (excluding double bass)
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 double bass, 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:

- 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 parents were not born in Australia)
- most recent school reports
- most recent NAPLAN results



Auditions will be held at Meriden on Tuesday, 11 February Wednesday, 12 February and Thursday, 13 February 2025. 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, 5 February 2025**.
4. The auditioning panel may choose to hear only part of prepared pieces.

Application Fee

A non-refundable application fee of \$200 applies to all applications. Payment must be made with your application form, in order for your application to proceed.

How to Apply

An application form together with supporting documents and payment details must be submitted by 3pm on Friday 31 January 2025.

The application form may be submitted online using the SUBMIT button at the end of the form. After clicking on the SUBMIT button an email will open and copies of supporting documents should be attached to this email prior to sending.

Alternatively, your application form and supporting documents may be submitted in person or by mail 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.

Note: 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, 31 January 2025
Notification of audition by	Wednesday, 5 February 2025
Audition (if notified)	Tuesday, 11 February 2025 or Wednesday, 12 February 2025 or Thursday, 13 February 2025

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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Year of Entry

I wish to apply for a Music Scholarship at Meriden for entry in: Year 7, 2026

Applicant Details

STUDENT'S SURNAME

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

GRADE IN 2025

CURRENT SCHOOL

COUNTRY OF BIRTH

Parent/Legal Guardian Details *(Please select title)*

Father/Legal Guardian Mr Dr Prof Rev Other

FULL NAME

COUNTRY OF BIRTH

HOME
TELEPHONE

WORK

MOBILE

EMAIL

Australian Citizen Australian Permanent Resident Other (provide Visa details)

VISA
TYPE

VISA
EXPIRY

VISA
NO.

Mother/Legal Guardian Mrs Miss Ms Dr Prof Rev Other

FULL NAME

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VISA
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VISA
NO.

ADDRESS

STREET

SUBURB

POSTCODE

Details of Musical Ability

Your principal instrument/voice is

PROVIDE DETAILS OF YOUR MOST RECENT AMEB EXAMINATION, INCLUDING YEAR, GRADE AND RESULTS

DO YOU PLAY OTHER INSTRUMENTS? IF SO, PLEASE GIVE DETAILS

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AN ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Facsimile 61 2 9752 9400
Email enquiries@meriden.nsw.edu.au
Website www.meriden.nsw.edu.au

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Provide details of your current instrument/voice teacher

NAME

CONTACT PHONE NO.

NAME

CONTACT PHONE NO.

PROVIDE DETAILS OF AWARDS THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED FOR YOUR MUSICAL ABILITY

Declaration

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

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/ LEGAL GUARDIAN

DATE

Credit Card *A fee of 1% applies to credit card payments.*

Please debit my credit card for the sum of \$200 Visa Mastercard American Express

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRY

NAME ON CARD

CARDHOLDER'S SIGNATURE

DATE



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