



CLARENCE VALLEY CONSERVATORIUM

8 Villiers Street (PO Box 350) GRAFTON NSW 2460

Phone: 02 6643 3555 · Email: cvcon@cvcon.nsw.edu.au · Web: www.cvcon.nsw.edu.au · ABN: 44 488 369 014

BURSARY GUIDELINES - 2026

The Clarence Valley Conservatorium is offering bursary assistance in 2026 to local music students. The aim of our Bursary Awards is to assist families of students enrolled with CVCon, and are experiencing financial and/or other hardships, to enable them to continue with their lessons. This assistance is made possible by special funding from the NSW Department of Education.

Bursary assistance is offered in the form of a 50% discount on fees for tuition on one instrument per student for lessons undertaken at the Conservatorium and may be granted to more than one child in a family.

Bursaries may be offered to students participating in schools' programs at the discretion of the Bursary panel.

Bursary assistance will not be available for ensemble groups at the Conservatorium as the fees for these groups are already subsidised.

Eligibility

Any student at the Conservatorium may apply for a bursary.

Students who have previously been awarded a bursary are welcome to apply again in 2026 but must fill out a new 2026 application form.

Other family members of students who have a full 2026 Scholarship are ineligible for bursary assistance. Children of Conservatorium staff members are ineligible.

Criteria

Assessment will be based on the following, *in priority order*:

- Hardship (economic or otherwise)
- Dedication/Benefit (demonstrated by previous tuition, teachers' reference etc)
- Community involvement with music

Conditions

1. Pay all outstanding fees before applying for a bursary.
2. Pay the balance of the total cost of lessons after the bursary has been applied.
3. Commit to learning the instrument for the full year with Clarence Valley Conservatorium.
4. All bursary recipients are expected to attend all lessons and practice regularly, as instructed by their teacher.
5. Be willing, where skills allow, to belong to any relevant CVCon ensembles and to perform in CVCon Concerts.
6. Notify CVCon should a change in circumstances negate the need for a bursary.

The Conservatorium reserves the right to withdraw bursary assistance at any time should the student not meet these commitments or financial circumstances change (following consultation with the student and parents).

Assessment

Application forms must be completed in full and returned together with proof of income & any other supporting documents.

The assessment of applicants will be based on the information provided on the application form, plus the short reference from the student's teacher. The teacher's reference will be a confidential report on the student's commitment and progress and will be given directly to the Assessment



CLARENCEVALLEYCONSERVATORIUM

8 Villiers Street (PO Box 350) GRAFTON NSW 2460

Phone: 02 6643 3555 · Email: cvcon@cvcon.nsw.edu.au · Web: www.cvcon.nsw.edu.au · ABN: 44 488 369 014

Panel rather than the student. The information you provide in this application will help determine your eligibility for financial assistance and will be strictly confidential.

The decisions made by the Assessment Panel will be final, and no discussion will be entered into regarding them. The Panel reserves the right not to award bursaries if it believes the applicants do not meet the assessment criteria.

Closing date for applications

Applications may be made throughout the year and will remain open until funding limits have been reached.

Enquiries

For further information, contact the Conservatorium on 6643 3555.



CLARENCE VALLEY CONSERVATORIUM

8 Villiers Street (PO Box 350) GRAFTON NSW 2460

Phone: 02 6643 3555 · Email: cvcon@cvcon.nsw.edu.au · Web: www.cvcon.nsw.edu.au · ABN: 44 488 369 014

PARENT/ CARER 1 DETAILS		
Last Name		
First Name		
Caregiver's Relationship to student		<i>Parent: Yes/ No Other/ please specify:</i>
Contact Address		
Contact Phone		
Contact Email		
Parent/ Carer 1 Evidence of Income Status <i>(Please attached supporting documents as listed on page 3 of this form)</i>		
Occupation		Annual Income
State your occupation and tick the box that best describes it:		PARENT/CARER 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wage/ Salary Earner	\$.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Self Employed	\$.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pensioner	\$.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unemployed	\$.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Home Duties	\$.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Payments (Give details)	\$.

PARENT/ CARER 2 DETAILS		
Last Name		
First Name		
Caregiver's Relationship to student		<i>Parent: Yes/ No Other/ please specify:</i>
Contact Address		
Contact Phone		
Contact Email		
Parent/ Carer 2 Evidence of Income Status <i>(Please attached supporting documents as listed on page 3 of this form)</i>		
Occupation		Annual Income
State your occupation and tick the box that best describes it:		PARENT/CARER 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wage/ Salary Earner	\$.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Self Employed	\$.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pensioner	\$.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unemployed	\$.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Home Duties	\$.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Payments (Give details)	\$.
Combined Annual income (AFTER TAX) from all sources		\$.



CLARENCE VALLEY CONSERVATORIUM

8 Villiers Street (PO Box 350) GRAFTON NSW 2460

Phone: 02 6643 3555 · Email: cvcon@cvcon.nsw.edu.au · Web: www.cvcon.nsw.edu.au · ABN: 44 488 369 014

You must provide evidence of your household income in the form of **two** of the following

- most recent Group Certificate or Tax Assessment
- last 3 pay advice slips
- current Centrelink payment advice

You must ask your child's tutor for a **SHORT reference** which they will give directly to the Director.

You may attach other information if relevant to support this application.

~ IMPORTANT~

Before signing this application, please check that all sections of this form have been completed and that all relevant supporting documents have been attached.

- Evidence of income documents.
- Reference from your child's tutor.

I CERTIFY that the information I have provided in this application is true and correct:

I AGREE that I will be subject to the terms and conditions governing the Bursary as set out in the Clarence Valley Conservatorium Bursary guidelines.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:
The Bursary Application

- | | | |
|---|-------------|------------------|
| ▪ <i>is complete</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Signature</i> |
| ▪ <i>has been assessed by the Bursary panel</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Signature</i> |
| ▪ <i>is successful / is NOT successful</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Signature</i> |