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Scholarships at Korowa provide a vital means by which highly able students, across a diverse range of endeavours, can join the Korowa community. Scholarship applications are open to current and future students who wish to join our vibrant community and embrace our values of courage, curiosity and integrity, thereby seeking to make a difference in the world.

Students may apply for more than one scholarship. Applications are open to Australian citizens and permanent residents only. All applicants must sit the Academic Assessment Services scholarship test: www.academicassessment.com.au.

Key *Dates*

Monday 29 June, 2026

Scholarship applications open

Submitted online. Applications should include responses to the relevant questions, copies of student reports, and the most recent NAPLAN results. All information needs to be uploaded at the time of application, hard copy documents will not be accepted.

Friday 24 July, 2026

Scholarship applications close

Saturday 1 August, 2026

Scholarship testing at Korowa 8.15am to 12.30pm

Tuesday 1 September, 2026

Music Scholarship auditions

The Music Department will contact families during the week of 24 August 2026 to arrange an audition time.

Scholarships for *2027 and 2028*

Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholarships will be awarded to students who not only demonstrate strong academic potential based on the results of the scholarship test, but are also interested in taking advantage of enrichment opportunities and participating fully in life at Korowa through involvement in co-curricular activities.

Shortlisted candidates will be required to attend an Activity Morning at Korowa and will undertake additional testing.

Entry Years for Academic Scholarships

Current or future students entering Year 7 in 2028, although there are also limited scholarships available for candidates in Years 8 to 11 in 2028, and Year 5 in 2027.

Korowa Foundation Scholarship

This is a means-tested scholarship funded by the Korowa Foundation. The recipient will demonstrate a combination of academic achievement, leadership and community engagement. Due to economic circumstances, they would not normally have the opportunity to attend Korowa. The Foundation Scholarship covers 100 percent of school fees and is open to new students entering from Years 7 to 10 in 2027.

Shortlisted candidates will be required to attend an Activity Morning at Korowa, and provide supporting financial documentation such as recent tax returns, pay-slips, or evidence of government assistance to verify their eligibility for a means-tested scholarship.

General Excellence Scholarships

General Excellence Scholarships recognise strong academic potential and are awarded to students who are enthusiastic to make a significant contribution to the life of the School. These students want to make the most of what is on offer at Korowa and participate fully. This would include participation in at least one of the following areas:

- Sport
- Visual Arts
- Performing Arts (dance, drama, music)
- Leadership and Service

General Excellence Scholarships will be awarded based on scholarship testing results and, for shortlisted students, their engagement and performance during an Activity Morning.

The main entry point for General Excellence Scholarships is new or current students entering Year 7 in 2028 unless otherwise indicated, although there are also limited scholarships available for candidates in Years 8 to 11 in 2028, and Year 5 in 2027.

General Excellence scholarships include the following.

The Loris Coleman Scholarship

Named in honour of Loris Coleman (Class of 1912), a pioneering Korovian whose many 'firsts' helped shape the School's early history, this scholarship recognises exceptional academic achievement and a spirit of intellectual curiosity. Loris was Korowa's first Head Prefect, Dux of the School, our first university entrant, and among the first women to enrol at Trinity College at the University of Melbourne. Her legacy is one of scholarship, initiative and quiet determination.

This scholarship will be awarded to a student who demonstrates outstanding academic ability, a genuine love of learning, and the capacity to think deeply and independently. We seek a student who is motivated not only to achieve at the highest level, but to engage with ideas, challenge assumptions, and pursue excellence across her studies.

The successful applicant will be eager to take full advantage of Korowa's academic and enrichment opportunities, and to contribute to the intellectual life of the School. In the spirit of Loris Coleman, she will show the potential to lead through her thinking, to embrace new challenges, and to create her own 'firsts' both within and beyond the classroom. It is open to new students entering Year 11 in 2027.

Principal's Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding Year 9 or 10 student seeking to commence at Korowa in 2027 or 2028. It recognises exceptional academic achievement, demonstrated leadership potential, and a genuine commitment to contributing to the life of the School through active involvement in co-curricular opportunities.

Our Community Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding student living in our local community and attending a local public school. It will be awarded to a student who excels academically, has demonstrated leadership experience, and is actively involved in co-curricular and community pursuits.

The successful applicant will contribute meaningfully to the life of the School through their engagement, initiative, and commitment to the Korowa community. It is open to new students for entry in Year 7 in 2028.

Korovian Scholarship

The Korovian scholarship will be awarded to the child or grandchild of a Korovian (alumni). It recognises a student who excels academically, demonstrates leadership, and is actively involved in co-curricular and community activities.

The successful applicant will contribute positively to the life of the School, bringing both a strong sense of legacy and a commitment to active participation in the Korowa community. It is open to new students for entry in Year 7 in 2028.

Sports Scholarships

Korowa seeks to develop student athletes who demonstrate excellence in a sporting pursuit. Korowa has an extensive sporting program that allows students to develop strong social, emotional and sporting knowledge and skill.

The successful candidate would be expected to participate annually:

- In their nominated Sport of Excellence for Korowa
- In at least one Carnival Sport for Korowa
- In all House Sport opportunities

The successful candidate must commit to represent Korowa at all relevant events and competitions while seeking to utilise all relevant available coaching opportunities and facilities. The successful candidate should be performing at State or National level. Consideration will be given to athletes engaged in sports where these pathways do not yet exist.

Applicants will be expected to meet certain academic benchmarks from the scholarship test, and shortlisted students will be required to attend the Activity Morning and will undertake additional testing. They will also participate in an interview with the Director of Sport to discuss their sporting interests and achievements. Applicants may also be asked to demonstrate various skill competencies related to their nominated sport of excellence. Sports Scholarships are open to new students for entry in Year 7-10 in 2028.

Carnival Sports	Nominated Sport of Excellence	
Swimming/Diving	Basketball	Rowing
Athletics/Cross country	Badminton	Snowsports
	Cricket	Soccer
	Football (AFLW)	Softball
	Hockey	Tennis
	Netball	Volleyball

Music Scholarships

Music Scholarships recognise students with strong musical ability who are keen to develop their talents and contribute to the rich Performing Arts culture at Korowa. Recipients are expected to participate actively in ensembles and performances.

Music Scholarship applicants are required to sit the scholarship test. Shortlisted candidates will be required to attend an Activity Morning at Korowa, and will undertake additional testing. Candidates for a Music Scholarship will also be required to attend a music audition. These scholarships will be awarded either in the form of music tuition fees for a particular instrument that is taught at Korowa, or in combination with an academic or general excellence scholarship.

Applicants will be asked to provide the name(s) and contact details of their current music (instrument) teacher. Applicants will be required to prepare two pieces differing in style and tempo for their first instrument and, where applicable, one piece for their second instrument. Aural testing and an interview will also occur during the music audition.

If the applicant requires an accompanist during the performance, they must make their own arrangements. Applicants will need to bring a copy of their most recent music examination report(s), a written report from their current music (instrument) teacher, and information that demonstrates their involvement in the Performing Arts either within or outside their current school.

Entry Years for Music Scholarships

Our main scholarship entry point is current or new students entering Year 7 in 2028, although there are also limited scholarships available for Years 8 to 11 in 2028.

Students applying for a Music Scholarship must be studying at least one instrument at the following minimum AMEB Grade:

- AMEB Grade 5 (or equivalent) for piano, violin and flute
- AMEB Grade 4 (or equivalent) for cello
- AMEB Grade 3 (or equivalent) for other instruments, with special preference given for students who play viola, double bass, oboe and lower brass instruments, who are committed to learning these instruments but may not yet be at a Grade 3 standard.
- Voice is also highly valued as an instrument at Korowa. It is possible that examinations have not yet been undertaken in voice in this age group. Proof of strong choral training undertaken for at least two years will be considered equivalent to AMEB Grade 2 singing. (Letter of referral from School Choral Director, or a community/children's choir will be required).

Completion of an AMEB examination is not necessary to gain a Music Scholarship, but students must present a repertoire of an equivalent standard at their audition.

Activity Morning for Shortlisted Candidates

All shortlisted candidates (Academic, Foundation, General Excellence, Sport and Music) will be required to attend an Activity Morning at Korowa and will undertake additional testing.

The Activity Morning is designed to provide shortlisted candidates with the opportunity to participate in a range of activities that involve teamwork and collaboration with other candidates, while also meeting key members of the Korowa staff. It is not possible to prepare for this experience, as its purpose is to allow students to gain an authentic sense of the School, while enabling Korowa to get to know each student more personally. Particular emphasis is placed on observing how students interact with others, collaborate in group settings, and contribute to shared tasks. This provides valuable insight into each student's communication skills, teamwork, problem-solving approaches, and their willingness to engage thoughtfully with new challenges.

How to *Apply*

1



Complete the form online

Complete the scholarship application form online via our website (<https://www.korowa.vic.edu.au/enrolments/fees-scholarships>).

All applicants are required to register for the academic scholarship, regardless of the specific scholarship for which they are applying.

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Submit Student Application

Submit an application by **5pm on Friday 24 July, 2026**

The following must form part of the online application:

- Answer the relevant questions on the application form
- Provide a scanned copy of the most recent school report
- Provide a scanned copy of most recent NAPLAN results
- Provide a recent photo of the student

(Please do not send hard copy documents to the School)

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Scholarship Test

Attend the Scholarship Test on **Saturday 1 August, 2026**
8.15am to 12.30pm

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Music Auditions

Attend music auditions for musical scholarship applicants on **Tuesday 1 September, 2026**

Applicants will be notified during the week of 24 August of their audition time.

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Activity Morning

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an Activity Morning that includes testing.

On *Testing Day*

Check-in begins at 8.15am at Korowa. Please follow the signs to the Sports Hall in the Sports and Wellbeing Centre. Please note that only one parent should accompany the student to the School.

Students should bring along two pens, either black or blue, a water bottle, and a snack to eat during the break.

Some staff at the test venue will be trained in first aid and the administration of life-saving medication such as EpiPens and emergency asthma management. Parents must disclose information about medical conditions and medication to the School and Academic Assessment Services during the application process. Parents may be required to wait in the vicinity of the test venue on Testing Day to administer medication if necessary. There are a number of cafes located on Burke Road close to Central Park.

To keep everyone safe, we request that you and/or your child do not attend if you are unwell.

Students will be ready to be **picked up at 12.30pm** outside the Sports Hall, where they were dropped off. Please be on time as staff may not be available to wait with your child if you are significantly late.

After *Testing Day*

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by Friday 28 August 2026. All other applicants will be notified of the outcome in writing when the scholarship process is complete. Please note that this process can take up to three months. We appreciate your patience. Please do not contact the School regarding the progress of scholarships. All applicants will be contacted. Once the process has been finalised, individual results will be sent to recipients by email.

Important *Information*

- Please be aware that should the Principal offer your child a scholarship, acceptance is required within two business days of the offer, together with the following fees: School application (\$200), enrolment (\$1450), and holding deposit (\$2500).
- The School requires a holding deposit fee of \$2500 per scholarship place. This fee will be credited against Term 2 tuition fees in the year of entry. Should the student not take up the place, the application, enrolment and holding-deposit fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- The scholarship covers a fee remission on **net tuition fees only**. The Principal will determine the fee remission at the time of offer and this may range from 20 to 50 percent. All other costs (including net consolidated fees) are charged as per the School's business regulations. The Foundation Scholarship covers 100 percent of all school fees. Please note that scholarships are not negotiable.
- We expect that all scholarship recipients demonstrate a strong and abiding commitment to Korowa, therefore families are expected to repay all scholarship funds to the School, should the child leave Korowa before the end of Year 12, unless the Principal approves otherwise.
- The terms and conditions of scholarships should remain confidential, and any breach of confidentiality may result in the scholarship being revoked.

Frequently Asked *Questions*

Which testing organisation conducts the scholarship test at Korowa?

Korowa engages Academic Assessment Services: academicassessment.com.au.

How many scholarships do you award?

This varies annually and at each year level, and depends on the results of testing.

At what rate are scholarships awarded?

Scholarships offered range from 20 to 50 percent of the tuition fee, except the Foundation Scholarship, which covers 100 percent of all school fees. Please note that scholarships, with the exception of the Foundation Scholarship, apply to the net tuition fee only: other levies and charges (including net consolidated fees) will apply. Scholarships are not negotiable.

Do I need to attend a tour before applying for a scholarship?

While not necessary, we highly recommend that families visit the School before applying, to ensure that you and your child are confident that Korowa is the right school for you. Tours may be booked here: www.korowa.vic.edu.au/enrolments/tour-korowa. Tours will not be available during the offer period.

What happens if I accept a scholarship and later change my mind?

All fees paid to-date would be forfeited.

Can the School provide feedback on how my child could improve their application for future years?

Due to the volume of applications received, and in fairness to all applicants, the School does not provide individual feedback on why an application may have been unsuccessful. Once the process has been finalised, individual results will be emailed to recipients.

Music Scholarships

Will Korowa pay my child's current music teacher?

As Music Scholarships are awarded for a particular instrument that is taught at Korowa (or in combination with academic or general excellence scholarships), we are not able to pay external music teachers. In the case where the primary instrument is advanced and the relationship between the current teacher and child is well established, the Music Scholarship will be applied to the second instrument and lessons will be undertaken at the School.

What if the School does not have a teacher on staff in my child's chosen instrument?

Music teachers at Korowa are specialists in their field. Students should still apply and individual circumstances may be discussed.

What level should my child be playing at in order to be considered for a music scholarship?

Please refer to the information about Music Scholarships.

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