



GOULBURN VALLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

REFUGEE SCHOLARSHIP YEAR 7, 2020 ENTRY

INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

The GVGS Refugee Student Scholarship has been established to provide exceptional educational opportunities for a refugee student. This Scholarship will be awarded to a refugee student for Year 7 entry in 2020.

WHAT THE SCHOLARSHIP COVERS

The Scholarship covers all compulsory school fees for Years 7 to 12. This includes Tuition Fee, Capital Charge and Fixed Charge.

Parents are expected to pay for textbooks, school uniform, travel expenses and other optional items not covered by fees.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for this scholarship, student applicants need to demonstrate the following:

- be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident who arrived in Australia from a refugee* background
- eligible to enter Year 7 in 2020 (completing Year 6 in 2019)
- should have sufficient self-confidence and personal support to enter a new school at Year 7 with the intention of continuing to Year 12
- have attended an Australian primary school for at least two years before commencing Year 7

*includes asylum seekers, humanitarian entrants and others who have had a refugee-like experience.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Academic levels and achievements of a student are considered, but are not the predominant criteria for selection. Selection is based on consideration of the following criteria:

Commitment

Demonstrated determination to attend school regularly and complete Year 12.

Attitude

- a love of learning
- ability to adjust positively to the school environment
- the social skills and confidence to relate well to others

Academic effort and progress

The student demonstrates qualities which will assist them to cope with the demands of the curriculum:

- reasonable literacy and numeracy levels
- sound work habits (organisation, completion of homework)
- diligence, determination and a willingness to attempt new work

Educational Disadvantage

As a result of their refugee background the student has experienced:

- educational disadvantage
- financial need

Community Service

Contribution to and involvement in their local community

Co-curricular

Willingness to actively participate in the co-curricular programme including Performing Arts, Sport and Service

Parent Support

- a commitment to the importance of education
- a determination to provide an environment in which the student can achieve their academic potential
- willingness to support their son / daughter's full participation in the co-curricular programmes of the school
- support of the school's values, culture and expectations

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

It is expected that the scholarship recipient will, throughout their time at the school, demonstrate a commitment to strive for excellence. This would include satisfactory progress and participation in all school programmes. The scholarship will be subject to an annual review based on the above expectations. Should there be significant concerns, the Principal will conduct a review and, in extreme cases, may terminate the scholarship.

SELECTION PROCESS**1. Written Application**

Using the following application form, complete a written application and submit by the closing date.

2. Short Listing

A panel will consider all applications and will prepare a short list of candidates.

3. Interview

Short listed candidates and their parents will be invited to an interview with the selection panel. If requested prior to the interview the school can arrange for an interpreter.

4. Final Selection

All candidates will be contacted in writing regarding the final decision of the panel.

ASSISTANCE WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS

If you require assistance with the application process due to language difficulties please contact the school.



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APPLICATION FORM

SECTION 1: Personal Details

Applicant's Family Name:
Applicant's Given Names:
Date of Birth:
Gender:	Female / Male
Current School and Year Level
Names of other schools attended, if any
Applicant's Signature:
Mother: Name	Dr/Mrs/Ms/Miss.....
Address:
Telephone and email:	H).....(W)..... (M)..... Email.....
Father: Name	Dr/Mr.....
Address:
Telephone and email	H).....(W)..... (M)..... Email.....
Mother's Signature:
Father's Signature:
Date:

SECTION 3: Supporting Documentation

Please attach photocopies of the following documents to the application form.

1. Australian Citizenship or Permanent Residency documentation and any documentation confirming refugee experience
2. School Academic Reports – Semester 1, 2018, Semester 2, 2018
3. NAPLAN Year 5 and Year 3 (if completed)
4. Any academic certificates, prizes etc.
5. Any references or recommendations from current school (optional)
6. A letter of recommendation from a respected member of the applicant's local community (please note this should not be a family member)
7. A recent passport style photograph of the applicant

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

1. Please check that all the sections of the application have been completed.
2. Post or hand-deliver the completed application to Mrs Pam Wallace at the following address by the closing date.

Postal Address:

Goulburn Valley Grammar School,
PO Box 757,
Shepparton 3632

Street Address:

Goulburn Valley Grammar School,
455 Verney Road,
Shepparton 3630

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Pam Wallace, Registrar

Phone: 03 5833 3300 Email: gvgs@gvgs.vic.edu.au

The **closing date** for Refugee Student Scholarship applications for Year 7, 2020 entry is **Friday 29th March, 2019.**