Redbank Plains State High School

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 Scholarships
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Redbank Plains State High School

awards a limited number of scholarships to candidates who are about to enter our school in Year 7 and to internal and external student candidates in Years 8 - 12.

These scholarships recognise excellence and potential across a range of areas of importance in our school.

All scholarships are made on the basis of open applications.

All scholarships carry clear expectations of involvement and achievement and are all subject to annual review.

This booklet provides details of the various scholarships available and the application procedure.

Further information can be obtained by contacting our school at

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or on (07) 3432 1222
General Procedures

All scholarships will be advertised from the beginning of Term 2 in the year prior to the scholarship commencing. Scholarship applications can be lodged from this point in time until the final day of school in Term 3 of the same year. Written notification of results will be sent to all applicants at the beginning of Term 4. Internal scholarship candidates (those who are already enrolled at Redbank Plains State High School) may only lodge applications in weeks 1 – 3 of Term 4.

All short-listed scholarship applicants will be asked to attend an interview with a member (or members) of staff during Term 4. This could include our Principal and/or Deputy Principal. This interview allows the candidate the opportunity to discuss and/or demonstrate their strengths and to talk about their enthusiasms. We hope very much that they find the experience enjoyable.

If the candidate currently attends another school, Redbank Plains State High School will seek references from the candidate’s present school and it is therefore essential that the candidate’s current Principal and classroom teacher be informed of the intention to apply for a scholarship.

Scholarship application forms will be available for download on the first day of Term 2 from the school website and may also be obtained from the school office. Application must be by signed hard copy and may not be submitted electronically.

Scholarships are valid for one full school year. Extension of scholarships for multiple years will be at the school’s discretion.
Expectations & Review

Successful scholarship recipients are expected to play an active and significant part in the life of our school in relation to their specialist area, throughout their time at Redbank Plains State High School. Recipients will be expected to embrace our school’s REAL expectations and adhere to these at all times.

REAL is part of our school wide positive behaviour plan and is an acronym for:

- Respect
- Excel
- Attend
- Learn

Some scholarships carry the expectation of certain subjects and extra-curricular activities being taken by the scholarship recipient. The details are as follows:

**ACADEMIC**  Must maintain achievement and participation results of a minimum very high achievement (A-) on their Semester 1 & 2 report card for all core subjects.

**SPORT**  Must do HPE or a subject from our Sports Development Program in Rugby League, Soccer or Volleyball. Recipients are expected to play a major role in the sporting life of the school throughout the year.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**  Must be a member of the school band, attending all rehearsals and playing at events throughout the year.

**PERFORMING ARTS**  Must be a member of extra-curricular dance or drama extension groups and attend all rehearsals and perform at various events throughout the year.
Scholarship Details

All successful scholarship recipients will receive:

- Payment of Resource Hire Scheme Fee for one school year
- Payment of one school uniform set

Payment of Resource Hire Scheme Fee may be requested prior to scholarship recipients being announced. This payment will be credited or refunded to successful scholarship students in Term 1 of the scholarship year.

Scholarship recipients will need to take their scholarship acceptance letter to our school uniform shop as proof. Uniforms will then be issued to the student.

NB. Students who hold an existing scholarship e.g. UQ Young Achievers, QATSIF, ICYS or the Iwan Bennett Bursary etc. are not permitted to apply for a school scholarship.

NB. Students who have been selected to represent the school in a Metropolitan West team are encouraged to apply for financial assistance. Please refer to the School Sport Funding Support Application to the P&C form on the school website for further information regarding this.
Academic Scholarships

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.” Gandhi

Redbank Plains State High School provides a clear pathway for students who have high academic aspirations.

Our school is determined to foster an appreciation of learning amongst our students that extends into their adult life. We have a great depth of teachers within the school who are passionate about their subjects and are able to communicate that passion to their students.

We seek to attract ambitious boys and girls of exceptional academic potential to set the tone and lead the way in the learning life of our school.

All applicants for the Academic Scholarship must provide:

- Year 5 & Year 6 report cards
- Year 5 NAPLAN results (and Year 7 results if published at time of application)
- Any achievement awards from national academic competitions
- Written reference from candidate’s school (preferably class teacher or Principal)

Academic scholarship recipients are expected to play a leading role in the academic life of Redbank Plains State High School. They should maintain a consistently high standard in their school work throughout the year and show a genuine interest in their subjects. Recipients will also be expected to embrace our school’s REAL expectations and adhere to these at all times.

INTERNAL CANDIDATES

Students already attending Redbank Plains State High School are able to apply for an Academic Scholarship. Results in all core subjects must be of a high to very high standard (B - A) and the student must also have the endorsement of their Year Level Coordinator.
Sports Scholarships

“I wasn’t born a world champion. I just worked really hard to become one.”

Layne Beachley

Redbank Plains State High School has an outstanding reputation for competing in a wide range of sports throughout the annual sporting seasons. Our Sports Development Programs in Rugby League, Soccer and Volleyball see our students playing in competitions throughout Ipswich, Brisbane, South-East Queensland and beyond. Alongside our Development Programs our HPE Department provide a full suite of sports, athletics and health options to excel our students in this field.

We understand that some athletes or members of sporting teams have particular requirements during peak seasons. Our goal is to provide a balance between pursuing ambitious sporting goals and ensuring the students also enjoy a normal and productive school life.

All applicants for a Sports Scholarship will be invited to attend a trial day in Term 4 (exact dates will be advised closer to the time). Here they will be assessed on agility and fitness and given the opportunity to demonstrate their ability in their preferred sport.

Applicants must also provide the following:

➔ Written reference from the candidates’ own school

➔ Other relevant evidence, such as references from coaches and clubs

Successful Sport Scholarship candidates will be expected to play a leading role in the sporting life of our school and contribute high effort levels to their chosen sport. Recipients will also be expected to embrace our school’s REAL expectations and adhere to these at all times.
INTERNAL CANDIDATES

Students already attending Redbank Plains State High School are able to apply for a Sports Scholarship. Student must have the endorsement of the HPE Head of Department and Sports Coordinator.
Instrumental Music Scholarships

“Without music, life would be a mistake.” Fredrich Nietzsche

The instrumental music program at Redbank Plains State High School has a long history at the school and continues to attract musically talented students. We have a concert band, stage band, marching band and drum line that perform at a variety of events throughout the year.

The school is well equipped with a dedicated rehearsal and practice room, performance stage & music computer laboratory.

All applicants for an Instrumental Music Scholarship must provide:

- Written reference from candidates’ own school (preferably instrumental music and/or music teacher)
- Other relevant evidence, such as copies of Instrumental Examination papers

Applicants may also be asked to attend an interview and perform pieces of music for staff.

Instrumental Music Scholarship recipients are expected to play a full role in the musical life at our school and commit to at least one of our school band ensembles. Recipients must attend all rehearsals and be available to play at events throughout the year. Recipients will also be expected to embrace our school’s REAL expectations and adhere to these at all times.

**INTERNAL CANDIDATES**

Students already attending Redbank Plains State High School are able to apply for an Instrumental Music Scholarship. Student must have the endorsement of The Arts Head of Department and instrumental music teacher.
Performing Arts Scholarships

“Do it big, do it right, and do it with style.”

Fred Astaire

Redbank Plains State High School’s Performing Arts program has maintained an outstanding reputation throughout the district for many years. Each year the quality of performance increases and the scope for creativity widens. Major productions are held at various times throughout the year culminating with the Arts Showcase in Term 4. This is always a sell-out and much anticipated by students, staff and the wider community.

Our school has a newly opened Performing Arts Centre which converts into two drama and two dance classrooms when not being used for productions. The air-conditioned building features sprung wooden floorboards, mirrored classrooms, male and female dressing rooms and a professional sound system.

All applicants for a Performing Arts Scholarship must provide:

➔ Written reference from candidates’ own school (preferably dance or drama teacher)

➔ Other relevant evidence, such as copies of Examination papers and references from dance or drama school teachers

Applicants may also be asked to attend an interview and perform a choreographed dance piece or dramatic monologue.

Performing Arts Scholarship recipients are expected to play a full role in the performing arts at our school and commit to at least one of our dance and/or drama extension groups. Recipients must attend all rehearsals and be available to perform at events throughout the year. Recipients will also be expected to embrace our school’s REAL expectations and adhere to these at all times.
INTERNAL CANDIDATES

Students already attending Redbank Plains State High School are able to apply for a Performing Arts Scholarship. Student must have the endorsement of The Arts Head of Department and a drama and/or dance teacher.
REAL Junior Scholarship

– For our feeder primary school students only

– Selection of our REAL Junior recipient is at the discretion of primary school Year 6 teachers & school Principal.

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit.”

Aristotle

This scholarship is not open for application. Details provided below are for your information only.

Our REAL Junior Scholarship is awarded to one student from each of our feeder primary schools. This award is to acknowledge a Year 6 student who consistently demonstrates qualities of an engaged and enthusiastic learner, whilst also being an active citizen in their school and/or community life.

The REAL Junior Scholarship will be presented to the deserving student at their Year 6 Graduation.
REAL Senior Scholarship

– For our current school students only

– Selection of our REAL Senior recipient is at the discretion of our school Principal.

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit.”

Aristotle

This scholarship is not open for application. Details provided below are for your information only.

Our REAL Senior Scholarships are awarded to the two School Captains to acknowledge their outstanding school community involvement. This award is to acknowledge these students who consistently demonstrate qualities of an engaged and enthusiastic learner, whilst also being an active citizen in our school and wider community.

The REAL Senior Scholarships will be presented to the School Captains at the first assembly of the new school year.
Key Dates for Year 7 Scholarships in 2016

All key dates are the year prior to scholarships commencing.

FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN YEAR 6:

⊙ Scholarship application forms available for completion and submission

☞ Start of Term 2

⊙ Scholarship applications close

☞ Last day of Term 3

⊙ Short-listed scholarship applicants notified and attend interview at Redbank Plains State High School

☞ Weeks 1 – 4 of Term 4

⊙ All scholarship candidates (except REAL Junior & Senior scholarship recipients) notified of results of application

☞ Week 5 of Term 4
Key Dates for All Other Scholarships

All key dates are the year prior to scholarships commencing.

FOR EXTERNAL STUDENTS ENROLLING IN YEARS 8 – 12 AND FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT REDBANK PLAINS STATE HIGH SCHOOL:

◎ Scholarship application forms available

Start of Term 2

◎ Scholarship applications open

Start of Term 4

◎ Scholarship applications close

Week 3 - Term 4

◎ Short-listed scholarship applicants notified of interview time & date

Week 4 - Term 4

◎ All scholarship candidates (except REAL Junior & Senior scholarship recipients) notified of results of application

Week 6 - Term 4
Scholarship Application Checklist

Please ensure you have thoroughly read through this information booklet if you are interested in applying for a scholarship at Redbank Plains State High School.

YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIPS

Below is a checklist of the documentation that must be provided for the application to be considered.

☐ Completed application form – including candidate’s handwritten personal statement & primary school referee’s written reference (application form available for download on school website)

☐ Copies of Year 5 and 6 report cards (these copies will not be returned)

☐ Copies of Year 5 NAPLAN results (and Year 7 results if published)

☐ Supporting documents or references from persons outside primary school for example: examination reports, sports coach or dance teacher reference.

ALL OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Below is a checklist of the documentation that must be provided for the application to be considered.

☐ Completed application form – including candidate’s handwritten personal statement & Redbank Plains SHS teacher or HOD written reference (application form available for download on school website)

☐ Supporting documents or references from persons outside school for example: examination reports, sports coach or dance teacher reference.