



ST PETER'S
COLLEGE

J W Downer Scholarship



For entry into Years 10 or 11, 2027



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The J W Downer Scholarship is for a day or boarding student entering Years 10 or 11 in 2027 and provides remission of 100% of tuition fees and 100% of the annual IT levy and fixed charges.

The J W Downer Scholarship is made possible through the enormous generosity of Mr John William Downer AM (HWK 1953) and the extended Downer family.

John Downer attended St Peter's College from 1946 to 1953. After graduating with Honours from Adelaide University, John had a highly successful career in civil engineering. He was Managing Director of Maunsell International from 1971 to 1998.

In 2001, John was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to engineering and international trade through the development of export opportunities for Australian service and products in South East Asia.

John is a 4th generation scholar. His great grandfather Sir John William Downer KCMG KC was an early scholar of St Peter's College, completing his studies in 1861. He was a brilliant barrister, Premier of South Australia, and recognised as a founding father of the Australian Federation. He helped draft the Commonwealth Constitution, and in 1901 was elected to the first Senate. John's grandfather, James Frederick Downer attended St Peter's College from 1888 to 1891, as did his father Sidney Frederick Downer from 1920 to 1927.

Selection Criteria

The J W Downer Scholarship will be awarded to a student not currently enrolled at the School and who possesses all-round qualities and can provide evidence of the following:

- Record of strong academic endeavours
- Evidence of service and/or citizenship in current school community and beyond
- High level of participation in co-curricular activities (music, sport, drama, visual arts etc)
- High level of engagement at current school.

The scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding student who would be unable to attend St Peter's College without financial support.

Benefits

The J W Downer Scholarship includes:

- Remission of 100% of tuition fees, IT levy and fixed charges for duration of scholarship
- Application fee of \$100 and enrolment fee of \$2,600 (normally payable once a formal offer of admission to St Peter's College has been made and accepted by completing the acceptance of offer).

An additional grant to cover the initial start-up costs may be given, including:

- School uniform (up to \$1,500);
- Books and stationery (up to \$500) in the first year only;
- MacBook, required by all students (up to \$2,500).

Families will be expected to all other costs including:

- Transport to and from school
- Recess and lunch.

Expectations

The family will be expected to participate in the School community, attending school activities and events (particularly in relation to their son's activities) and in school community groups.

The scholarship recipient's family is encouraged to make a financial contribution within their means to the Foundation, for the duration of the scholarship and beyond.

The recipient will be expected to provide feedback to the Foundation about the impact of the scholarship on a regular basis during his schooling and, from time to time, as an old scholar. The family will be invited to participate in occasional events and activities that recognise and give thanks to the community of donors.

Instructions

Please complete all sections of this application in full. Students who are shortlisted will be interviewed with their parents by a selection panel including the Headmaster.

Refer to the checklist on page 3 to ensure you have attached all documentation the School has requested and address your application to:

The Director of Enrolments
St Peter's College
St Peters SA 5069

**Applications close at 4.30pm on
Friday 26 March 2026.**

For more information:

Phone: +61 8 8404 0400

Email: enrolments@stpeters.sa.edu.au



Checklist

For the student to be considered for a scholarship, please ensure all the requested documents are supplied.

A covering letter written by the student, addressing the selection criteria and detailing his reasons for seeking the J W Downer Scholarship.

A covering letter from the student's Parents/ Guardians, detailing their reasons for seeking the J W Downer Scholarship.

A recent photo of the student.

A copy of the student's most recent school report.

A copy of the students most recent NAPLAN results.

At least one letter of reference with a daytime telephone contact commenting on the student's personal attributes and character (ideally provided by a teacher or someone who is unrelated to the student and has known the student for many years).

A copy of Australian Taxation Office (ATO) business and personal statements for the past three financial years. Information must include declarations on income, expenses, financial assets and liabilities as well as benefits or assistance received.

A separate sheet identifying areas of strength and excellence and listing the student's interests and involvement in sport, music, church, community and other activities.

Copies of any awards or certificates the student has received for academic, sporting, music, artistic, community or character achievements.

Please confirm you meet the prerequisites for consideration for this scholarship opportunity.

The applicant is an Australian Citizen and/or Permanent Resident and is currently attending a school other than St Peter's College.

The student will be in Years 10 or 11 in 2027 and be a day or boarding student. Please note this scholarship does not provide remission of boarding fees.

We understand this scholarship is subject to means-testing and the relevant documents have been provided.

We understand the scholarship will cover 100% of tuition fees and will also cover 100% of the annual IT levy and fixed charges.

We also understand that if we accept the scholarship, we will endeavour to make a financial contribution to the Foundation at least once during our son's time at the School.



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Student Details

Surname (please print)	
Given names	Preferred name
Residential address	
	Postcode
Postal address	Postcode
Date of birth / /	Country of origin Nationality
Present school	Present year level
Student's area(s) of excellence	

Parent or Guardian Information

Father or Guardian

Mr / Dr / Prof / Rev'd / Other
Surname
Given names
Preferred name
Relationship to the student
Address (if different from your son)
Home telephone
Business telephone
Mobile
Email
Occupation
Language spoken at home other than English
Old scholar Y / N Peer year House

Mother or Guardian

Mrs / Ms / Miss / Dr / Prof / Rev'd / Other
Surname
Given names
Preferred name
Relationship to the student
Address (if different from your son)
Home telephone
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Email
Occupation
Language spoken at home other than English

Close family connections of parents and/or relatives that are current or old scholars of the School

Name	Relationship to applicant

Please sign below to acknowledge you have read and understood the scholarship application instructions

Parent/Guardian signature	
Print name	Date / /

