

Sr Carmel Bourke Music Scholarships 2028

Sister Carmel Bourke (1907–1995) experienced all facets of life at St Aloysius College; first, as a student, then as a teacher, and finally, as Principal from 1945–1953. Sr Carmel was a gifted singer, pianist and choir director. The creative pursuits of SAC students are nurtured in art and music studios, and a well-equipped theatre inside our aptly named Carmel Bourke Centre for Expressive Arts. In recognition of Sr Carmel's contribution, we offer a limited number of music scholarships to eligible students entering Year 7 in 2028.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

- Students entering Year 7 in 2028
- Students have the potential to achieve excellence as players of trumpet, trombone, saxophone, violin, viola, cello or double bass
- Each recipient will be expected to make a significant contribution in the area of Music at the College as part of the Music curriculum and the curriculum extension music program

Scholarship students will receive:

- 100% remission of Music instrumental fees for one instrument (as listed above) including 30 minutes tuition per school week from Year 7 to 12
- 100% remission of the instrumental hire fee from Year 7 to 12

***** All other fees and charges to attend St Aloysius College will be payable by scholarship recipient. *****

Application Process



Apply

by 4pm on Friday
20 November 2026



Interview

Shortlisted applicants
contacted to attend an
interview



Audition

Practical audition
and written
examination if required



Letter of Offer

Successful Scholarship
recipients will be notified
in writing

The Principal determines the recipients of all scholarships. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing following the interview process and will be given more information about possibilities in attending SAC. Further information can be obtained by contacting Doreen Maiello on 8217 3223.

Applications are due by 4pm on Friday 20 November 2026. They can be submitted via email to sac@sac.sa.edu.au or posted and addressed to:

The Principal
Ms Paddy McEvoy
St Aloysius College, 53 Wakefield Street
Adelaide SA 5000

Additional Information

Audition Requirements

1. A practical audition consisting of:

- a performance of two contrasting short pieces (5 minutes total maximum duration) on the applicant's main instrument, with or without piano accompaniment, demonstrating a minimum of Grade 1 AMEB standard or equivalent
- testing of technique, demonstrating a minimum of Grade 1 AMEB standard or equivalent
- sight reading
- a short interview with the selection panel

2. A written examination may be required, involving a range of questions testing candidate's ability in the areas of aural perception and applied theory at Grade 1 AMEB Musicianship standard or equivalent.

Candidates must supply their own piano accompanist (if required) for the audition.

Candidates will be advised in writing of the written examination and audition dates and times.

Pre-requisite standard

Music scholarship applicants must be trumpet, trombone, saxophone, violin, viola, cello or double bass players who demonstrate an instrumental ability at a minimum of **AMEB Grade 1 level or equivalent**.

Commitment expected of Music scholarship recipients

A Sr Carmel Bourke Music Scholarship recipient will:

- study Music as part of her education in Years 7 to 12 at St Aloysius College
- be actively involved in at least two curriculum extension music ensembles at St Aloysius College
- be actively involved in the St Aloysius College Musical Production (held every two years)
- study with a specialist instrumental teacher, designated by the Music Coordinator, at St Aloysius College

At St Aloysius College, Music is offered as a compulsory part of the curriculum from Reception to Year 9, as an elective subject in Year 10 and as SACE units at Stage 1 and Stage 2 (Years 11 and 12). St Aloysius College offers a curriculum extension music program consisting of an orchestra, stage bands, choirs, string ensembles and other small groups.

Please complete this scholarship application form and return it to the College by Friday 20 November 2026.



Child's Details

First Name		Preferred Name
Middle Name		
Last Name		
Date of Birth		
Country of Birth		If not born in Australia Date of arrival in Australia: Visa sub-class number:
Religion		
Parish		
Is The Child Aboriginal?		
Is The Child Torres Strait Islander?		
Year Level for Enrolment eg-Year 7	If Reception, Term 1 or Term 3: _____	
Calendar Year of Enrolment eg-2026		
Residential Address		
Mobile Telephone Number		
E-mail address		

Hobbies	
Sports Played	
Involvement In Drama, Art, Music And/or Dance	

Please provide the following information if applicable:			
Baptism Date		Baptism Parish	
Reconciliation Date		Reconciliation Parish	
Confirmation Date		Confirmation Parish	
First Eucharist Date		First Eucharist Parish	
Previous Schools and Pre-Schools (include kindergarten up to present time)			
School Name	Date Started	Date Left	Year Level/s
Please mention any Year Level/s repeated			
Additional needs and considerations for your child The following questions are to assist us in facilitating the smooth transition of students into the school setting. If your answer is YES, for any of the below, please provide further details in the space below.			
Does your child have any special talents and/or attained special achievements?			YES / NO
Does your child have any learning needs?			YES / NO
Has your child ever received English as an Additional Language (EAL) assistance?			YES / NO
Has your child attended any specialised agencies, special schools, units or centres?			YES / NO
Has your child been assessed by a specialist service (eg – a speech pathologist, occupational therapist, psychiatrist, psychologist, audiologist, optometrist or another specialist clinic)?			YES / NO
Does your child have any special needs or considerations (disabilities, allergies, restrictions on physical activity etc)?			YES / NO
Does your child require any special provisions to be made by the College (eg – medication, disabled access)?			YES / NO
Does your child have any infectious diseases?			YES / NO
Has your child ever been suspended from school, expelled or refused admission to another school?			YES / NO
Is there any other information that the College should be aware of in order to meet your child’s educational needs?			YES / NO
Please provide details here:			
Referee Details 1		Referee Details 2	
First Name			
Last Name			
Address			
Mobile Phone			
Financial Information			
Is the applicant an approved School Card holder for 2026?			YES / NO
If the applicant IS an approved School Card Holder for 2026, is there any reason why the applicant should not continue to be a School Card Holder in 2027/28?			YES / NO
If the applicant IS NOT an approved School Card holder in 2026, do you expect your income level to decrease to be a School Card holder in 2027/28?			YES / NO

Family Details		Parent/Caregiver 1		Parent/Caregiver 2	
Given Name/s					
Last Name					
Relationship To Child (Mother, Step-Parent, Caregiver etc)					
Living With Child (Full-time or Part-time)					
Residential Address					
Postal Address (If different to residential address)					
E-mail Address					
Mobile Telephone Number					
Home Telephone Number					
Work Telephone Number					
Occupation					
Employer					
If Not Currently Employed, Do You Receive A Government Benefit?					
Country Of Birth					
Cultural Background					
Religion					
Main Language Spoken At Home					
Residential Status (Permanent or Temporary)					
VISA (If applicable)		Visa type: Visa sub-class number: Date granted:		Visa type: Visa sub-class number: Date granted:	
Date of arrival in Australia (If applicable)					
Family Court or other relevant court order, Intervention Order or Parenting Plan					
Do you have outstanding school fees with another school?					
If there are other children in the family, please provide details below					
Given Name/s	Last Name	M/F	Date of Birth	School, University or Occupation	Year Level

Choosing St Aloysius College		
Please State Your Reasons For Choosing St Aloysius College For Your Child's Education		
How were you introduced to St Aloysius College?		
☐ Word of Mouth (Friends, Family, Old Scholar)	☐ Newspaper	☐ I am an Old Scholar
☐ Online Search	☐ Facebook	Years attended (eg – 2000 to 2005) _____
☐ The Law Society of South Australia	☐ Other _____	Enrolled last name: _____

Please read the below information and submit your application

Privacy Information

1. The College collects personal information, including sensitive information, about students and parents/caregivers before and during the course of a student's enrolment at the College. This may be in writing or in the course of conversations. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable the College to provide schooling to the student and to enable them to take part in all the activities of the College.
2. Some of the information we collect is to satisfy the College's legal obligations, particularly to enable the College to discharge its duty of care.
3. Laws governing or relating to the operation of a school require certain information to be collected and disclosed. These include relevant Education Acts and Public Health and Child Protection laws.
4. Health information about students is sensitive information within the terms of the Australian Privacy Principles under the Privacy Act. We may ask you to provide medical reports about your child from time to time.
5. The College, from time to time, discloses personal and sensitive information to others for administrative and educational purposes, including to facilitate the transfer of a student to another school. This includes to other schools, government departments, the Catholic Education Office, the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools, the College's local diocese and the parish, schools within other dioceses, medical practitioners and people providing services to the College, including specialist visiting teachers, sports coaches, volunteers and counsellors.
6. Personal information collected from students is regularly disclosed to their parents/caregivers.
7. In situations where parents are separated, it is the policy of the College to release school reports to both parents of the student. It is also our policy to allow both parents to attend Parent-Teacher-Student Learning Reviews. However, the College will abide by any court orders which prevent the release of such information.
8. The College may store personal information in the 'cloud' which may mean that it resides on servers which are situated outside Australia.
9. In the event of default of payment of fees, the College may refer the default to a debt collection agency. If this occurs, personal information will be disclosed to the agency and you will be responsible for the collection costs.
10. Mercy Education's Privacy Policy sets out how parents/caregivers or students may seek access to personal information collected about them. However, there will be occasions when access is denied. Such occasions would include where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, where access may result in a breach of the College's duty of care to the student or where students have provided information in confidence.
11. Mercy Education's Privacy Policy also sets out how you may complain about a breach of privacy and how the College will deal with such a complaint.
12. As you may know, the College engages in fundraising activities from time to time. Information received from you may be used to make an appeal. It may also be disclosed to organisations that assist in the College's fundraising activities solely for that purpose. We will not disclose your personal information to third parties for their marketing purposes without your consent.
13. On occasions, information about academic and sporting achievements, student activities and similar news is published in College newsletters, the SAC Magazine and on our website. Photographs of student activities, such as sporting events, school camps and school excursions, may be taken for publication in College newsletters, the SAC Magazine and on our website. The College will obtain separate permissions from the students' parents/caregivers upon enrolment.
14. The College may include students' and students' parents'/caregivers' contact details in a class list and College directory.
15. If you provide the College with the personal information of others, such as doctors or emergency contacts, we encourage you to inform them that you are disclosing that information to the College and why, that they can access that information if they wish and that the College does not usually disclose this information to third parties.

Parent/Caregiver Declaration

1. In applying to enrol my/our child at this College, I/we accept that she will be educated in the Catholic faith within a Christian educational environment.
2. I/we accept that support of College staff and cooperation concerning school activities is essential.
3. I/we accept that we will abide by school policies as amended from time to time.
4. I/we accept that participation in camps is compulsory and that membership in school sporting teams takes priority over competing sporting interests.
5. I/we accept that the College reserves the right to suspend or expel a student for serious or continued breaches of school rules, regulations and/or policies, including conduct which brings into disrepute the good name and reputation of the College.
6. I/we accept the standards the College sets regarding grooming, uniform and personal presentation.
7. I/we accept responsibility for the payment of tuition fees and other costs associated with the education of my/our child as determined and amended from time to time by the College (except where exemptions/remissions have been sought and granted).
8. I/we give consent for the College to contact any other Catholic school which my child has previously attended for the purpose of ascertaining my/our fee paying record.
9. I/we accept that the College does not accept liability for damage or loss of any personal possessions of students and that insurance for my/our child's personal possessions is my/our responsibility.

Acceptance Of Terms Of Application

I acknowledge and accept all of the above terms and conditions and I declare that all of the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate. I acknowledge and, if my application is successful, accept all of the above terms and conditions.

Parent/Caregiver 1

Parent/Caregiver 2

Signature	Date	Signature	Date

Please submit this form with copies of the following documents:

- ☐ Copy of Birth Certificate (or extract) or current Passport (photo page)
- ☐ Copy of Visa or Citizenship documentation (if applicable)
- ☐ Copy of latest academic report (unless starting Reception)
- ☐ Copy of any Court Order, Intervention Order, Parenting Plan or related information affecting your child
- ☐ Documentation relating to special needs (any reports, action plans, assessments etc)

Student Expression of Interest

We invite you to tell us something about yourself, and why you wish to apply for this scholarship at St Aloysuis College. You may include information about your favourite subjects, and any creative pursuits or activities you undertake outside of school.

Musical Background	
Instrument currently studying:	
Length of time learning this instrument:	
AMEB Practical Exams completed on this instrument and marks awarded:	
AMEB Theory Exams completed and marks awarded:	
Name of current instrumental teacher:	
Length of time learning from this teacher:	
Other instruments studied (currently or in the past):	
List of ensembles/choirs that you have performed in:	
Any other musical experiences:	
The following additional references must accompany this application form: • A written reference from your current Instrumental Teacher • A written reference from your current classroom Music Teacher • A copy of your most recent AMEB Practical/ Theory certificates and results	