



Scholarship Information & Application Form

Introduction

Castlemaine Steiner School & Kindergarten offers a contemporary, holistic education, guided and inspired by the teachings of Rudolf Steiner and his observations of the developing child.

The Castlemaine Steiner School & Kindergarten (CSSK) seeks to foster an inclusive and diverse socioeconomic community and hopes to make Steiner education more available across our regional community.

CSSK is offering a number of partly or fully subsidised places to eligible applicants of new families to the school, who would otherwise not have the opportunity to enrol due to financial disadvantage. CSSK scholarships run year round for Kindergarten to Class 7 and applications can be made at any time following a successful enrolment process.

The scholarship provides a subsidy of up to 100 percent of tuition fees for eligible students of new families to the school for the duration of their enrolment at CSSK (please note this is subject to the conditions set out below and reviewed every 2 years). In most cases, ancillary fees and charges such as camps and excursions will be the responsibility of parents/guardians.

*Holders of valid government concession cards can access additional government funding support for ancillary costs.

Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible for a CSSK scholarship, applicants must meet the following conditions:

1. Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
2. Have successfully completed the enrolment process at CSSK as a new family entering the school.
3. Provide evidence of financial disadvantage. Generally, this will be met if the child is named as the card holder or a dependent child on a valid government concession card within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, on a:
 - Centrelink Health Care Card
 - Pensioner Concession Card
 - Veterans Affairs Gold Card
4. Demonstrated commitment to the principles of Steiner education and CSSK; this is also expected from parents / guardians of applicants.



How applications will be assessed?

Our aim is to maintain a balanced approach, ensuring the most effective use of our resources while upholding our commitment to educational excellence and social equity.

All applications will be assessed by the CSSK Scholarship panel, who will determine the final number of scholarships to be awarded taking into consideration the below factors:

- The above stated eligibility conditions
- The quantity of applications across different year levels and the ability of the class and teachers to meet the students' educational needs

Once scholarship applications have been assessed applicants will be notified via email regardless of the outcome. Assessments are expected to be completed within four school weeks of a received application.

How to apply?

All applications will be strictly confidential. To apply please complete the application form and attach a copy of your eligible concession card and submit;

By email to: traceyr@cask.vic.edu.au

By mail to: Attention Tracey Robertson (Private & Confidential)
Castlemaine Steiner School & Kindergarten
PO Box 473
Castlemaine
VIC 3450

How can I find out more?

If you have any questions about the School, scholarships or the application process, please contact our Enrolments Officer on (03) 5479 2000 or email traceyr@cask.vic.edu.au



Castlemaine
Steiner School

Scholarship Application Form

One form to be completed per child.

STUDENT DETAILS	Surname		First name	
Date of Birth			Gender	
Current School			Current Year Level	
How long has the student been attending their current school?				
Expected commencement date			Commencement Year Level	
FAMILY DETAILS	Parent/Guardian 1 – Primary		Parent/Guardian 2	
Title				
Surname				
Given Names				
Relationship to Child				
Residential Address				
Contact Phone				
Email Address				
Child Lives With:	Parent/Guardian 1	Parent/Guardian 2	Or Both	



Eligibility

Our scholarship program provides partly or fully subsidised places to eligible applicants who would otherwise not have the opportunity to enrol in the school due to financial disadvantage.

Please confirm the applicant meets each of the following eligibility conditions.					
Australian citizen or permanent resident	YES/NO	Has successfully completed the CSSK enrolment process	YES/NO		
Please provide evidence of financial disadvantage.					
Centrelink Health Care Card	YES/NO	Pensioner Concession Card	YES/NO	Veterans Affairs Gold Card	YES/NO
If your child is not named as a dependent on any of the above cards, please provide an explanation below as to why you consider yourself to be experiencing financial disadvantage.					
Demonstrated commitment to the principles of Steiner education and CSSK as outlined in your Statement of Commitment.				YES/NO	



Statement of commitment to Castlemaine Steiner School & Kindergarten

Please attach a cover letter to share with us why you have chosen to enrol your child at CSSK.

As a part of your response, please outline:

- How and why you see your child as being a good fit for our school
- How you see your family values aligning with the principles of Steiner education

If your child will be joining Year 4 and above, we encourage them to add their own contribution to the scholarship application process by writing ~50 words and/or sending a drawing about themselves/their favourite book/holiday/hobby.

If your family will have trouble writing this letter, please contact the School to discuss your concerns and we may be able to arrange an in-person meeting instead.



Terms and Conditions

1. To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must meet all of the following conditions:
 - Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
 - Have successfully completed the enrolment process at CSSK as a new family entering the school.
 - Provide evidence of financial disadvantage. Generally, this will be met if the child is named as the card holder or a dependent child on a valid government concession card within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004:
 - Centrelink Health Care Card
 - Pensioner Concession Card
 - Veterans Affairs Gold Card
 - A commitment to the principles of Steiner education and to CSSK is expected from parents / guardians of applicants.
2. Families must formally apply for a scholarship via the CSSK Scholarship Application Form.
3. Holders of scholarships will be bound by the same rules and responsibilities and awarded the same rights as other students at CSSK.
4. Assessment of eligibility and offer of a scholarship is solely at the discretion of the CSSK Scholarships panel.
5. Scholarships can be awarded from Kindergarten to Class 7.
6. Scholarships are subject to review every two years. It is expected that scholarships are awarded until the completion of Year 8, however CSSK may choose to award a scholarship for a shorter period or withdraw a scholarship if family circumstances change or the school is no longer able to meet the educational needs of the child.
7. A scholarship may be terminated by the school in the event of serious breach of CSSK Policies or Codes of Conduct by the recipient or their parents / guardians, or if their account falls into default according to the Fee Retrieval Policy.

Declaration

We acknowledge that the information provided in this form is true and correct and will be used to assist CSSK to assess this application for the Scholarship Program. We have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions.

Parent/ Guardian 1 name

Signature (Parent/Guardian 1)

Date / /

Parent/ Guardian 2 name

Signature (Parent/Guardian 2)

Date / /