



## Primary Scholarship Program for Year 6

### **Purpose**

The Scholarship Program at the Islamic College of Brisbane (ICB) is established to foster academic excellence, nurture potential, and provide transformative educational experiences within our community. Driven by a commitment to the power of education, this initiative shapes lives, creates opportunities, and inspires positive change. The Scholarship Program has three primary objectives:

#### **1. Recognizing and Cultivating Academic Excellence**

The Scholarship Program seeks to acknowledge students who demonstrate exceptional talent, dedication, and a commitment to their academic journey. By recognizing these accomplishments, we aim to inspire students to maintain high standards of excellence and foster a culture of continuous growth within our academic ecosystem.

#### **2. Enabling Access to Quality Education**

Aligned with our commitment to accessibility, the Scholarship Program provides opportunities for students to overcome financial barriers and experience the transformative power of education. Offering partial tuition fee remissions, up to 50%, the program facilitates a diverse and inclusive environment that celebrates merit and potential.

#### **3. Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders**

The Scholarship Program envisions its recipients as future leaders and change-makers. It provides resources, mentorship, and support necessary for students to realize their full potential. By nurturing academic, leadership, and critical thinking skills, the program aims to shape individuals ready to lead with integrity, drive innovation, and contribute back to the community.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

The Primary School Academic Scholarship is open to current Year 5 students who demonstrate significant academic excellence. Scholarship candidates must participate in the ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) Scholarship Test, with the top 5 students being recognized and awarded a scholarship entailing a partial tuition fee reduction of up to 50%.

### **Selection Process**

The selection process for the ICB Primary Scholarship includes three components:

#### **1. ACER Scholarship Test**

Administered by the Australian Council for Educational Research, the ACER Scholarship Test is an independent, standardized assessment covering English Comprehension, Mathematics, and Writing. This test is conducted on the ICB campus in Term 3, and assessments are sent to ACER for scoring and ranking. The top 50% of students on the merit list are shortlisted, and parents are notified by email.

#### **2. Interview**

Shortlisted candidates participate in a 15-minute interview with the Head of Primary and Chief Learning Officer. This discussion covers students' aspirations, interests, school values, extracurricular achievements, and their understanding of global and local issues. An assessment is made based on presentation, communication, confidence, critical thinking, and the ability to ask thoughtful questions. Each student's performance is rated on a scale of 1–10, with 10 being the highest.



### 3. Review of Academic and Extracurricular Achievements

Additional factors, including extracurricular achievements, community engagement, exemplary behaviour, NAPLAN, and ICAS results (if available), are also considered to make a holistic decision among shortlisted candidates.

Based on the above criteria, the top 5 students who demonstrate the highest levels of academic excellence, will be awarded the scholarship. These selected candidates exemplify the values of dedication, leadership, and passion for learning that the ICB Scholarship Program seeks to support, recognizing their potential to make meaningful contributions to both their educational journey and the broader community.

#### Notification

All participants will be informed about the outcome of their scholarship application via email.

#### Scholarship Terms and Conditions:

- a) Scholarship recipients must maintain a high standard of academic performance during scholarship period.
- b) Scholarship recipients are expected to always maintain good conduct.
- c) In case of non-compliance with the scholarship terms and conditions, or inadequate academic performance, the scholarship may be revoked.

#### Review

This scholarship policy will be reviewed and updated as necessary by the school administration to ensure it remains fair and relevant.

#### Contact

For any inquiries or further information regarding the Academic Scholarship at the Islamic College of Brisbane, please contact the school's administration.

#### Commitment to Excellence

ICB's Scholarship Program is designed to reward students who display a passion for learning, dedication to academic pursuits, and a commitment to positive values. It reflects our belief that our students, when provided the right opportunities, will make the most of this support to become lifelong learners and impactful contributors to society.