



ST MARY'S COLLEGE AUCKLAND



***SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION
FOR 2026***

St Mary's College is an Integrated Catholic school for girls, the oldest existing secondary school for girls in Auckland and one of the oldest schools in New Zealand. It was founded by the Sisters' of Mercy New Zealand, a Religious Congregation whose pioneering Sisters, led by Mother Cecilia Maher, arrived from Ireland in 1850.

For over 175 years the Sisters' of Mercy have inspired and empowered generations of New Zealand women to fulfil their highest potential. These women have been encouraged to strive for excellence and to show kindness and compassion. The College is proud of the loyalty of its many hundreds of past pupils.

St Mary's College offers a wide-ranging and balanced curriculum. St Mary's offers a quality education, underpinned by our Catholic special character. The educational experience of the girls is broadly divided into two stages.

The Junior School: Years 7 – 10

The Major aims are:

- ◆ To give students a sound grounding in the core subjects.
- ◆ To give students the opportunity to explore a wide range of other subject areas.
- ◆ To prepare students for study in the senior school.

The Senior School: Years 11 – 13

The Major aims are:

- ◆ To provide each student with a relevant course of study that matches individual strengths, abilities and interests.
- ◆ To give students a sound preparation in the subjects they are studying for external awards and qualifications.
- ◆ To equip students for the transition from school to further education, employment and adult life.

The College offers a small number of scholarships to students of exceptional ability and/or musical aptitude and/or financial need. The scholarships that the College offers are due to the generosity of our past pupils, friends and benefactors.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2026

The following scholarships will be offered:

1. PAST PUPILS' ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Terms:

- 2026 Year 9 practising Catholic student (current or new)
- One year
- Value: \$3,000 - Payment towards current year's school fees/contributions
- Evidence of a strong academic record, consistent work ethic and service to the community to be provided
- A supporting letter from the Parish Priest should be submitted

2. ST MARY'S COLLEGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Terms:

- 2026 Year 9 student
- One Year
- Value: Approximately \$2,800.00. Payment towards current year's school fees/contributions (not including subject fees)
- Based on evidence of academic excellence

3. SR. MARY JOAN HOPKINSON SCHOLARSHIP FOR PIANO STUDY

Terms:

- 2026 Senior student, Year 11-13
- One year
- Value: \$1,000.00
- Tuition fees for piano.

4. SR. MARY MULLEN SCHOLARSHIP

Terms:

- Current or new student based on need
- One year
- Value: Contribution of \$600.00 towards 2026 school fees/contributions

5. GILES ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Terms:

- 2026 Year 9 student
- One year
- Value: Contribution of \$900.00 towards 2026 school fees/contributions
- Based on evidence of academic excellence

6. GILES INSTRUMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP

Terms:

- 2026 Senior Music student, Year 11 - 13, who is learning an orchestral instrument, including Voice.
- One year
- Value: \$900.00 towards school music fees and contributions.

7. DOROTHY CLARKE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Terms:

- 2026 Junior student, Years 7 - 10
- One year
- Value: \$500.00
- Tuition fees for a student learning piano in 2023

8 LYN INSLEY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CLASSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Terms:

- 2 x new 2026 students
- One year
- Free hire of classical instrument for 2026 through the Lyn Insley Trust.

Scholarship applications **with the close of enrolment, Friday 21 March 2025.**

From time-to-time other benefactors of the College offer Fees Scholarships for students. These will be advertised when they become available along with any conditions.

Conditions for all Scholarships

1. Scholarship students are expected to demonstrate active support for the Special Character of the school.
2. Academic Scholarships: Students must demonstrate their application and effort in all studies and make expected progress.
3. Music Scholarships: Students must demonstrate their commitment to attending all classes and rehearsals punctually and to practising their instruments regularly.
4. Scholarship 1. Past Pupils Scholarship may be renewed under certain circumstances following a review at the discretion of the Principal. If a recipient of Scholarships 2-8 wishes to renew her scholarship in subsequent years, she must re-apply on the official form and her application will be received and assessed by the Scholarship Committee on the same basis as all other applications received.

Scholarship Committee

The scholarship committee will meet in March to review and determine those successful in attaining scholarships.