

The Olive Cusack Bursary 2023 Application Information

The PLC Old Collegians' Association bursary recognises a **boarding student currently in Year 9 for Year 10.**

The recipient will receive \$5000 towards tuition fees in 2023.



Olive Cusack

Presbyterian Ladies' College 1941 – 1962

Married to pastoralist Tom Cusack for 14 years before his tragic death, Olive Cusack commenced as a member of staff at PLC in 1941 teaching French, English, Maths and Sport. The following year she became deputy to Dr Summers and became known affectionately as Mrs "Cu".

An abiding love of hockey saw her actively promote the game amongst the girls, even acting as coach, umpire and player well into her senior years. She was considered a strict disciplinarian but was renowned for her fairness and was a well-loved, admired and respected member of the school community.

Criteria

Eligible applicants are invited to apply for the Olive Cusack Bursary by submitting an essay that reflects on the unique experiences associated with being a boarder at PLC, and how these experiences might be improved. Applicants should demonstrate an understanding of the needs of others, participation in a range of activities organized by the school community, and a commitment to personal excellence, particularly in the boarding house.

The bursary is open to students who are not already recipients of a scholarship or bursary from the school or the OCA (unless it is a music bursary).

Format

- Applications should be no more than two A4 pages.
- Content in Sentence case – Arial, font size 11 pt.
- Applications should have a cover page with the name of the Bursary and student details in CAPITAL CASE – Arial, bold font size 12pt and must be stapled in the top left-hand corner.

General Requirements

- Applications should attach a copy of their mid-year report (*no originals*).
- Applications should also attach a dot-point list of co-curricular activities they have participated in (sports, music, service etc), awards they have earned and positions they have held.
- Please submit **3 x printed copies** of your application are to be submitted to **Lyn Taylor at the Senior School Reception** no later than **4.00 pm on Tuesday 11 October 2022**.

Process

- After applicants submit their written applications, a shortlist will be selected by a panel of PLC Old Collegians.
- Each shortlisted applicant will be invited to a brief (10 minute) interview with the panel.
- The panel will award the bursary following the completion of interviews.

Bursary Key Dates:

Applications Open: Monday 29 August

Applications Close: Tuesday 11 October, 4.00 pm

Interviews: Last week in October

Bursary awarded: Early November

Further information is available on the PLC website:

<https://www.plc.wa.edu.au/connected-community/old-collegians/bursaries/>