

Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School Inclusion Scholarship Program



Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School is a small co-educational school of around 500 pupils.

Our education extends from playgroups/kindergarten to VCE.

Our educational philosophy is based upon a spiritual view of the world.

We work in an artistic, musically rich curriculum.

The clarity that the sciences cultivate is an essential part of our education.

We emphasise the delight that arises when we study the cultural evolution of every subject.

We do not push the young people beyond their healthy academic development,

but it is normal for our seniors to gain a good VCE result and to go on to the tertiary course of their choice.

Our success can be seen in the happy and creative students who really care about one another and the World.

We are committed to creating a diverse and inclusive school culture, which welcomes and nurtures individuals of all backgrounds and circumstances. The Inclusion Scholarship Program has been established to welcome students who do not currently attend the school and are from economic circumstances which may otherwise preclude enrolment at the school. The program is in addition to, and does not in any way reduce, the school bursary program which offers economic support to families of students currently enrolled at the school.

The successful candidates will enrich the life and diversity of individual classes and our wider community.

The positions will be awarded on the basis of economic need. Eligibility will be means tested.

We are seeking young people and their families who are committed to a Steiner Education for their children.

Applicants are required to submit supporting evidence as part of the application process. Boarding and homestay facilities are not available at this time, so it is expected that families will live within a commutable distance of the school.

Applications

Applications for Years 10, 11 & 12 in 2021 are now open – closing February 1st, 2021. (the date of the beginning of the enrolment will be subject to the constraints of the VCE and approval by the College of Teachers.)

Applications for Years 7 – 12 in 2022 will open February 2021 and close June 30th, 2021. Further relevant dates will be published on our website.

Eligibility

The Inclusion Scholarship Program is means-tested as it seeks to reach students from families who would not otherwise be able to financially prioritise this education. Parents or guardians will be asked to submit a Statutory Declaration and a copy of the two most recent tax returns for both parents, or other verified evidence of low-income status. Ongoing eligibility in terms of financial circumstances needs to be confirmed with the Bursar for each subsequent year of the program.

Inclusions and Expectations

The Inclusion Scholarship is intended to cover 100% of Tuition, Camps and Fixed Charges for the duration of the inclusion scholarship. Additional charges such as optional individual or ensemble music fees, excursions and other sundry amounts will generally be the responsibility of the family. Be assured if further financial support is required to cover these costs, as with all school families, an application for support can be made to the Bursar for consideration.

The Inclusion Scholarships are awarded with the expectation that the successful candidate will continue at the school through to the end of Year Twelve.

The Inclusion Scholarship Program itself is subject to annual review by the College of Teachers and, although changes may be made, the School will honour its commitment to current enrolments offered as part of the program.

If during the course of the Inclusion Scholarship period your financial situation changes, there is an expectation that this be communicated to the Bursar. As a result of changed circumstances, if the level of scholarship required can be reduced or withdrawn, the resulting change would potentially allow the scholarship funds to be diverted to another candidate.

It is an expectation that the student will display normal behaviour, engagement and attendance. The school will work with the family and the student to address any issues. However, the College of Teachers reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship with reasonable notice. The qualities relevant to acceptance into the program will be reflected in the student's ongoing enrolment at the school.

Applications for this Inclusion Scholarship are only open to students not currently enrolled in the Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School, and who would otherwise be unable to attend. The successful applicants will be made an offer by telephone and in writing with details of the terms of the Inclusion Scholarship Program.

Supporting Documentation

The following documents are required for each scholarship candidate

- A handwritten letter introducing yourself and explaining why you would like to attend the Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School.
- A complete set of school reports for the previous 2 years
- Any references from mentors, community leaders, work placements or evidence of community engagement relevant to your application.
- An accompanying letter from a parent or guardian which reflects an understanding of the School and a commitment to supporting the student in their enrolment. This letter should include an explanation as to why the school fees would pose an unmanageable burden on the family and evidence to support this.

How many Inclusion Scholarships are offered?

There is no set number of Inclusion Scholarships offered. Currently, we are taking applications for Years 10, 11 and 12 in 2021.

The College of Teachers will decide how many Inclusion Scholarships will be awarded dependant upon current enrolments and the School's financial situation.

What is the duration of the Inclusion Scholarship?

The scholarship will provide for enrolment at the school through until the end of Year 12 or until the family's financial circumstances change to the extent that they no longer meet the eligibility criteria.

What happens if a student in the Inclusion Scholarship Program leaves the school?

The School offers all Inclusion Scholarships to students with the expectation that they complete their secondary education at the Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School. If a student leaves the School prior to completing Year 12 and where there are not special circumstances, the school may seek reimbursement of some of the costs borne by the school for the duration of the enrolment.

What is the difference between an Academic Scholarship and the Inclusion Program?

The Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School is committed to providing an enriching, holistic and nourishing education to all families that have access to it. Whilst an academic scholarship is awarded to students based on academic merit, the Inclusion Program Scholarships are offered to students who are not able to access our school for economic reasons. This will not only benefit individual students and their families, but further enhances the diversity of the student community, resulting in a more stimulating educational experience for all students.

Will other students at the school know who is on an Inclusion Scholarship?

While the school may publish how many inclusion scholarships have been offered and accepted as an ongoing part of the identity of the school, the individual recipients will not be identified as such, nor will those students be

treated in any way differently to other students at the school. Every effort will be made to ensure equality of opportunity for students enrolled as part of the Inclusion Program, and indeed for all students of the school.

The process

1. The process begins with the completion and submission of the application form below, and the submission of the supporting documentation. You also need to include with your application the requested evidence of your financial circumstances for consideration by the Bursar and the Finance Group of The College of Teachers.
2. Once your eligibility has been established, the Scholarship Inclusion Program Group of the College of Teachers will meet to review your application.
3. Subject to this review you may be offered an interview.
Please note an interview does not guarantee an offer of a scholarship.
4. The successful applicants will be made an offer by telephone and in writing with details of the terms of the Inclusion Scholarship Program.
5. Following your acceptance of an offer, enrolment will proceed as for any other student
6. There will be an annual review of eligibility for ongoing support of which you will be given notice and you will be asked to submit evidence subject to request by the School's Bursar.



Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School Inclusion Scholarship Program Application Form

Declaration by prospective Parents/Guardians,

Please fill out the following application form and return to enrolments@mrss.vic.edu.au or post to: Enrolments Officer, Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School, 213 Wonga Road, Warranwood, Victoria, 3134.

If you have any questions about this form or the process, please contact our Enrolment Registrar Jenny Sheers on 03 98762633 or via the above email address.

Inclusion Scholarship Application

Applicants Details:

Surname:		Date of Birth:	
Given Name(s):		Gender:	
Present School:		Present Class:	
Please supply a copy of the Birth Certificate for the child:		Received / Not	
Application for Admission for Term:		in the year:	20
		in Year Level:	
Immunisation Status: <i>Circle One</i>	Fully Immunised Y	Partially Immunised - in catch-up program Y	Unimmunised Y

Parent 1 / Guardian's Details:

Surname:			
Given Name(s):			
Occupation:			
Residential Address:		Postcode:	
Postal Address:		Postcode:	
Phone No's. - Home:		Business:	
		Mobile:	
Email Address:			
If you are a former student of the school, please provide years attended:			

Parent 2 / Guardian's Details:

Surname:			
Given Name(s):			
Occupation:			
Residential Address:		Postcode:	
Postal Address:		Postcode:	
Phone No's. - Home:	Business:	Mobile:	
Email Address:			
If you are a former student of the school, please provide years attended:			

Additional Information:

Brothers & Sisters - Given Names:	Date of Birth:	School:	Class:

An application fee of \$45.00 is payable upon submission of this Inclusion Scholarship Application. This is an administration fee (GST inclusive).
The fee is for one child and will be refunded if the applicant is successful in attaining an Inclusion Scholarship.

Are you an Australian Citizen or Australian Resident? Yes No
(If you are an Australian Resident please provide supporting documentation)

Signatures: (both parents / guardians required):

Parent 1 / Guardian:		Date:	
Parent 2 / Guardian:		Date:	

Credit Card Details:

Name on Card:		Expiry Date:	
Card Number:			
Card Type:		Card Holder Signature:	

**By signing the above credit card detail, you authorise the Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School to deduct the above mentioned Inclusion Scholarship fee from your nominated credit card.
Payment can also be made over the phone or in person during school office hours.**

Privacy Notice

- The school collects personal information, including sensitive information about pupils and parents or guardians before and during the course of a pupil's enrolment at the School. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable the School to provide education for your child.
- Some of the Information we collect is to satisfy the School's legal obligations, particularly to enable the School to discharge its duty of care.
- Certain laws governing or relating to the operation of schools require that certain information is collected. These include Public Health and Child Protection laws.
- Health information about pupils is sensitive information within the terms of the National Privacy Principles under the Privacy Act. We ask you to provide medical reports about pupils from time to time.
- The School from time to time discloses personal and sensitive information to others for administrative and educational purposes. This includes to other schools, government departments, medical practitioners, and people providing services to the School, including specialist visiting teachers, sports coaches and volunteers.
- If we do not obtain the information referred to above we may not be able to enrol or continue the enrolment of your child.
- Personal information collected from pupils is regularly disclosed to their parents or guardians. On occasions information such as academic and sporting achievements, pupil activities and other news is published in School newsletters and magazines.
- Parents may seek access to personal information collected about them and their child by contacting the School. Pupils may also seek access to personal information 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 School's duty of care to the pupil, or where pupils have provided information in confidence.
- As you may know the School from time to time engages in fundraising activities. Information from you may be used to make an appeal to you. We will not disclose your personal information to third parties for their own marketing purposes without your consent.
- We may include your contact details in a class list and School directory. Please advise the School office if you do not wish to be included.
- If you provide the School 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 School and why, that they can access that information if they wish and that the School does not usually disclose the information to third parties.

I/We have read and understood the above details regarding the Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School Inclusion Scholarship Program and all information that has been provided is accurate and true.

I/We acknowledge that this application does not guarantee that an Inclusion Scholarship will be offered.

I/We will advise the School in writing of any changes to contact details or information in this application.

Name of Applicant (Please print) _____

Signature of Applicant _____

Parent/Guardian 1 Signature _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Signature _____

Date _____

The following documents are required for each scholarship candidate

- A handwritten letter introducing yourself and explaining why you would make a positive contribution to the Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School community.
- A complete set of school reports for the previous 2 years.
- Any references from mentors, community leaders, work placements or evidence of community engagement relevant to your application.
- An accompanying letter from a parent or guardian which reflects an understanding of the program and a commitment to supporting the student in their enrolment. This letter should include an explanation as to why the school fees would pose an unmanageable burden on the family and evidence to support this.
- Parents or guardians are asked to submit a Statutory Declaration and a copy of the two most recent tax returns for both parents or other verified evidence of low-income status.

Thank you. We look forward to the possibility of including you into our School community in the future.

Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School College of Teachers