

St Mary's CBS 'From Each his Best' Scholarship Award

St Mary's CBS seeks to combine academic excellence, all-round character development and personal attention to each student with a close working relationship between teachers and parents. This scholarship aims to facilitate the holistic development of our students by rewarding students who drive to achieve academic excellence in conjunction with their sporting careers.

Scholarships are now being offered for students commencing First year in September 2019. The scholarships may cover the cost of an iPad, books, uniform and lunch deal at the school. These scholarships will continue for the duration of the student's first academic year in the CBS. While the scholarships will be awarded under specific category headings, academic excellence will be a consideration in all scholarship awards. A scholarship may be awarded under any category heading, but there is no commitment to award scholarships under each heading. The categories are:

- ✓ students of high academic ability
- ✓ students with exceptional sports skills

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of

- ✓ a completed application form
- ✓ an assessment of ability at sports
- ✓ an appropriate academic test

The parents of those receiving scholarships are expected to make a commitment to participate fully in the school community.

For full details and application forms see school app and website www.portlaoisecbs.com.

The closing date for 2019/2020 applications is 30th of January 2019

The following terms and conditions will apply to the scholarship award scheme:

1. The scholarships will be awarded to boys for the duration of their First year of Secondary school studies at St Mary's CBS, subject to conditions. While the scholarship applicants may be considered under specific category headings all scholarships relate to academic ability.
2. The specific category awards for the scholarship award scheme are outlined below. The scholarships may be awarded under any category or both. These categories are:
 - Students of high academic ability
 - Students with exceptional sports skills

Scholarships will generally be awarded to students entering first year of secondary school. The school reserves the right to alter the number of awards made in any category or not to make an award. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of an application, an assessment of their ability at sports and an academic exam. The Scholarship Committee may seek back-up documentation to confirm any information provided. The school reserves the right to conduct some academic tests as appropriate. A letter of recommendation from the primary school principal may also be sought.

3. The parents of those seeking scholarships are also expected to make a commitment to fully participate in the school community throughout the duration of the award.
4. A parent wishing to apply on their son's behalf must complete an application form and return it to the Scholarship Committee of St Mary's CBS together with - a recent photograph of the student.
5. Applications must be submitted by the 30th January 2019. Review of Applications and assessments will take place and scholarships will be offered by the end of March. The Scholarship Committee will endeavour to make fair decisions based on the criteria outlined in this document. The Scholarship Committee's decisions are final and the committee cannot enter into correspondence or discussion with regard to its decisions.

All scholarships are awarded in accordance with the procedure outlined above. The scholarships are for the normal duration of secondary school studies and it is not envisaged that these would apply to studying for a repeat year. Scholarship holders are expected to perform in accord with their academic ability, and to uphold the standards of the school, as with any other St Mary's CBS student. Parents are also expected to participate in the life of the school. Any substantial departure from these standards will be considered in each termly review of scholarships by the Scholarship Committee and may lead to a curtailment or removal of the scholarship award for subsequent terms. Applicants are encouraged to review the values and philosophy of Edmund Rice Schools before making an application.