



# GOULBURN VALLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## Foundation Social Justice Scholarship Refugee Student Scholarship – Year 7, 2027 Entry

### INFORMATION

#### **BACKGROUND**

The GVGS Social Justice - Refugee Student Scholarship has been established to provide exceptional educational opportunities for a refugee student. This Scholarship will be awarded to a refugee student for Year 7 entry in 2026.

#### **WHAT THE SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES**

The Scholarship covers all compulsory school fees for Years 7 to 12. This includes Tuition Fee, Capital Charge and Fixed Charge.

Parents are expected to pay for textbooks, school uniform, travel expenses and other optional items not covered by fees.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

In order to be eligible for this scholarship, student applicants need to demonstrate the following:

- be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident who arrived in Australia from a refugee\* background
- eligible to enter Year 7 in 2027 (completing Year 6 in 2026)
- should have sufficient self-confidence and personal support to enter a new school at Year 7 with the intention of continuing to Year 12
- have attended an Australian primary school for at least two years before commencing Year 7

\*includes asylum seekers, humanitarian entrants and others who have had a refugee-like experience.

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Academic levels and achievements of a student are considered but are not the predominant criteria for selection. Selection is based on consideration of the following criteria:

##### **Commitment**

Demonstrated determination to attend school regularly and complete Year 12.

##### **Attitude**

- a love of learning
- ability to adjust positively to the school environment
- the social skills and confidence to relate well to others

##### **Academic effort and progress**

The student demonstrates qualities which will assist them to cope with the demands of the curriculum:

- reasonable literacy and numeracy levels
- sound work habits (organisation, completion of homework)
- diligence, determination and a willingness to attempt new work

##### **Educational Disadvantage**

As a result of their refugee background the student has experienced:

- educational disadvantage
- financial need

##### **Community Service**

Contribution to and involvement in their local community

**Co-curricular**

Willingness to actively participate in the co-curricular programme including Performing Arts, Sport and Service

**Parent Support**

- a commitment to the importance of education
- a determination to provide an environment in which the student can achieve their academic potential
- willingness to support their son / daughter's full participation in the co-curricular programmes of the school
- support of the school's values, culture and expectations

**SATISFACTORY PROGRESS**

It is expected that the scholarship recipient will, throughout their time at the school, demonstrate a commitment to strive for excellence. This would include satisfactory progress and participation in all school programmes. The scholarship will be subject to an annual review based on the above expectations. Should there be significant concerns, the Principal will conduct a review and, in extreme cases, may terminate the scholarship.

**SELECTION PROCESS****1. Written Application**

Using the following application form, complete a written application and submit by the closing date.

**2. Short Listing**

A panel will consider all applications and will prepare a short list of candidates.

**3. Interview**

Short listed candidates and their parents will be invited to an interview with the selection panel.

If requested prior to the interview the school can arrange for an interpreter. A second interview may be requested.

**4. Final Selection**

All candidates will be contacted in writing regarding the final decision of the panel.

**ASSISTANCE WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

If you require assistance with the application process due to language difficulties, please contact the Ethnic Council or the school.



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### APPLICATION FORM

#### SECTION 1: Personal Details

Applicant's Family Name:	.....
Applicant's Given Names:	.....
Date of Birth:	.....
Current School and Year Level	.....
Names of other schools attended, if any	.....
Language spoken at home	.....
If invited to Interview is an Interpreter required?	Yes / No .....
Applicant's Signature:	.....
Parent / Guardian 1: Name	.....
Address:	.....
Telephone and email:	H).....(W)..... (M)..... Email.....
Relationship to Student:	.....
Parent / Guardian 2: Name	.....
Address:	.....
Telephone and email	H).....(W)..... (M)..... Email.....
Relationship to Student:	.....
Parent / Guardian 1 Signature:	.....
Parent / Guardian 2 Signature:	.....
Date:	.....

## SECTION 2: Summary of Activities and Interests

Could a family member please help your son/daughter to complete the following questions.

## 1. Your Journey

How did your family arrive in Australia? Did you all come together?

[illegible]

**2. Why would you like to be a student at GVGS?**

[illegible]

### SECTION 3: Supporting Documentation

Please attach photocopies of the following documents to the application form.

1. Australian Citizenship or Permanent Residency documentation and any documentation confirming refugee experience
2. School Academic Reports – Semester 2, 2024, Semester 1, 2025, Semester 2, 2025
3. NAPLAN Year 5 and Year 3 (if completed)
4. Any academic certificates, prizes etc.
5. Any references or recommendations from current school (optional)
6. A letter of recommendation from a respected member of the applicant's local community (please note this should not be a family member)
7. A recent passport style photograph of the applicant

### HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

1. Please check that all the sections of the application have been completed.
2. Post or hand-deliver the completed application to the Registrar at the following address by the closing date.

Postal Address:

Goulburn Valley Grammar School,  
PO Box 757,  
Shepparton 3632

Street Address:

Goulburn Valley Grammar School,  
455 Verney Road,  
Shepparton 3630

If you have any questions please contact the Registrar

Phone: 03 5833 3300      Email: Registrar@gvgs.vic.edu.au

The **closing date** for Social Justice - Refugee Student Scholarship applications for Year 7, 2027 entry is **4.30pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026**