

MOUNT KELLY

Boarding and Day School
Boys and Girls, Aged 4-18

Year 7 Scholarships

Year 7 Scholarships at Mount Kelly Prep

Mount Kelly Prep offers a small number of Year 7 Scholarships to recognise excellence, curiosity, and potential across a range of disciplines.

Scholars enjoy opportunities for enrichment, leadership, and creativity, and benefit from being part of a community that celebrates passion and perseverance.

Scholarship Categories

- Academic
- Music
- Sport (Performance Swimming remains a separate pathway)
- Art & Design
- Drama & Performing Arts

Who Can Apply?

- External pupils applying for Year 7 entry
- Current Year 6 pupils at Mount Kelly Prep who choose to apply (parents will be invited to opt in each autumn)
- All candidates are assessed through the same process and criteria

What Does a Scholarship Involve?

Scholars receive a modest fee remission and join a programme of enrichment that includes:

- Masterclasses and workshops in their chosen field
- Leadership opportunities through mentoring, clubs, and performances
- Half-termly meetings with the Head of Prep
- Guest speaker programme
- Annual Scholars' Celebration event

Scholarships will normally be held through to Year 9, subject to annual review of progress, conduct, and contribution. At the end of Year 8, scholars are reassessed for renewal or adjustment of their award upon transfer to Mount Kelly College.

Assessment Process

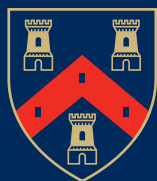
Assessments take place early in the Lent Term and may include written tasks, auditions, practical tests, or interviews depending on the category. References and evidence of commitment are also considered. We are looking for potential, attitude, and enthusiasm, not just polished skill.

- Assessment Days take place in January or February of the year preceding entry
- Candidates complete discipline-specific assessments, interviews, and a reflective writing task
- References and portfolios are considered where relevant
- Assessment criteria prioritise potential, curiosity, and attitude as well as attainment
- All awards are made strictly on merit, and the Head's decision is final

The following is a guide and may be subject to change, but provides an outline of how each type of scholarship will be assessed.

The assessment day will begin with a friendly icebreaker activity, where all candidates will be expected work together to solve a task. This creative challenge helps everyone settle in, form new friendships, and demonstrate collaboration, imagination, and confidence.

All candidates will also complete a short Common Thinking Challenge, designed to encourage reasoning, reflection, and problem-solving before moving into their specialist assessments.



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Pupils will be asked to complete short reasoning and writing tasks followed by a collaborative Academic Challenge Workshop.

They will be assessed on:

- Curiosity and depth of thought
- Problem-solving and creativity
- Communication, teamwork, and perseverance

Music

Candidates will be expected to perform two contrasting pieces (instrumental or vocal) and complete short aural and sight-reading exercises. A brief discussion will explore their passion for music and performance.

They will be assessed on:

- Technical command and tone
- Musicality and expression
- Commitment, potential, and enthusiasm

Sport

Pupils will be asked to take part in a range of activities including movement and coordination drills, sport-specific skills, and small-sided games. Assessors will look for effort and leadership as much as skill.

They will be assessed on:

- Technical ability and athleticism
- Game sense, adaptability, and teamwork
- Attitude, communication, and resilience

Art & Design

Candidates will be asked to complete a creative design or drawing task and share a short portfolio of two or three favourite pieces. A short conversation will explore their ideas and influences.

They will be assessed on:

- Technical control and use of materials
- Originality, imagination, and design thinking
- Engagement, reflection, and curiosity

Drama & Performing Arts

Pupils will be asked to prepare a short performance (such as a monologue, poem, or reading) and take part in group improvisation and expressive movement activities.

They will be assessed on:

- Expression, creativity, and confidence
- Collaboration and stage presence
- Enthusiasm and potential for development

Expectations

Scholars are expected to lead by example, contribute positively to school life, and uphold the School's values of Compassion, Courage, Humility, Respect, Commitment, and Integrity.

Scholars should:

- Demonstrate exemplary behaviour, effort, and leadership
- Participate fully in school life and act as ambassadors for Mount Kelly
- Contribute to the community through mentoring, team participation, and service
- Attend enrichment sessions and Scholars' events

Relationship with Bursaries

Scholarships are awarded purely on merit; bursaries are means-tested. Where a pupil is in receipt of a bursary, the scholarship award will be honorary in terms of fee remission. *Families must reapply annually for bursarial assistance.*

Review, Renewal and Withdrawal

All awards are reviewed annually by the Head Master, Head of Prep and Deputy Head (Prep). Renewal is contingent upon sustained effort, progress, and positive contribution. The School reserves the right to amend or withdraw an award if expectations are not met.

Contact

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