



2025 Junior Secondary Bursary Scholarship

Supporting a Strong Start to High School. At Atherton State High School, we are committed to helping students transition successfully into high school. Our Junior Secondary Bursary Program provides financial support to Year 6 students enrolling in Year 7 in 2026 who demonstrate leadership potential and a commitment to school life.

What does the Bursary Cover?

Successful applicants will receive:

Student Resource Scheme (SRS) fees waived for 2026 and a full set of the everyday school uniform, including:

- 1 x school shirt
- 1 x pair of tracksuit pants
- 1 x pair of school shorts
- 1 x school jacket/jumper

Who can Apply?

Students entering year 7 in 2026 from any Atherton Cluster primary school who are enrolling in Year 7 at Atherton SHS in 2026 can apply. The bursary is awarded to students who are:

- Actively engaged in leadership, academic, cultural, sporting, or citizenship activities
- Committed to making a positive contribution to school life

How to Apply

Complete the Bursary Application Form (available from your primary school or the Atherton SHS website).

Attach supporting documents, including references from:

- A teacher or school leader (educational referee)
- One other personal referee
- Submit your application to the Deputy Principal – Junior Secondary by email or via the Atherton SHS office by Friday, 5th September 2025.

Selection process

Applications will be reviewed by a selection panel, including the Principal, Deputy Principal (Junior Secondary), and Head of Department (Junior Secondary). The school may contact the applicant's primary school for additional information.

Announcement of Winners

Successful applicants will be officially announced at the Atherton SHS Annual Presentation Evening on Tuesday, 18th November 2025, at 6:00 PM. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified via email.

For more information, please contact the school office 4030 5222

2025 BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

Please complete and return to Deputy Principal Junior School either by email or in person at the office

Student Name			
Year Level in 2025		Date of birth	
Current Primary School			
Parent/Carer Name			
Relationship to student			
Postal Address			
Phone		Email	

In addition to Leadership, state the type of bursary you are applying for (Select one other area only)

Leadership

Academic

Sporting

Cultural

Citizenship (Social Justice, Indigenous, Community Engagement)

Bursary recipients will be required to commit to active engagement in leadership and extra-curricular school activities relating to one other nominated area (For example: Leadership– participate in the junior secondary leadership program; Academic – participate in academic competitions; Cultural – participate in visual and performing arts activities; Sporting – participate in school carnivals and/or represent the school in sport; Citizenship – assist with social justice programs like breakfast club, fund-raising for charities, represent the school at events like Anzac Day Parade).

List your current school results. Please have your current teacher verify and sign over the page.

Teachers name		Teachers Signature	
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Please state one school and one sporting/community/personal referee to support your application.

School referee name		Position		Phone	
Other referee (please tick one) Sporting					
Other referee name		Position		Phone	
Student signature		Parents Signature			

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Name of staff receiving application

Signature

Date application received

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Write a one page typed or handwritten sheet addressing the following:

1. **Current Strengths**
Include a summary of your current strengths / achievements in the area of leadership and your one other chosen area.
2. **Proposed Commitments**
Include a statement of the extra-curricular events/activities that you would commit to at Atherton State High School in the area of leadership and your one other chosen area.
3. **Future Aspirations**
Include a statement of the goals you hope to achieve as a student at Atherton State High School and why you believe you would be a worthy recipient of the bursary.

ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT SCHOOL REPORT CARD

BURSARY APPLICATION TIMEFRAME

Monday 19th May 2025	Bursary information published to community
Friday 5th September 2025	Applications close
Friday 10th October 2025	Successful and unsuccessful applicants informed via email
Tuesday 18th November 2025	Successful applicants attend Atherton SHS Annual Presentation Evening to receive bursary
End of year	Various school representatives attend Year 6 Graduation ceremonies

JUNIOR SECONDARY BURSARY PROCEDURES

2025 Context:

Atherton SHS is a medium sized high school which has approximately 900 students from Years 7 to 12. Situated on the beautiful Atherton Tablelands, Atherton SHS is the only high school in the township of Atherton. Atherton SHS has several feeder primary schools including: Atherton SS, Tolga SS, Kairi SS, Walkamin SS, and Yungaburra SS, and students from St Joseph's School, Irvinebank SS, and Herberton SS also select Atherton SHS for their secondary education. Atherton SHS is one of the schools in the Atherton Cluster of Educators.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Atherton SHS Junior Secondary Bursary Program is to support the transition of selected Year 6 students into high school for targeted programs or educational activities.

Scope:

All feeder schools in the Atherton cluster

General Information:

Bursaries are available for Year 6 students (Year 7 students in 2026) who are committed to becoming actively engaged in the junior leadership program and in extra-curricular school academic, cultural, citizenship or sporting activities. The application process will be advertised directly to students in the Atherton Cluster primary schools and to the broader public through the school newsletter, website and the local paper. Students applying for a bursary need to lodge their application to the Deputy Principal – Junior Secondary by the due date using the application form and submitting supporting documentation.

For each bursary awarded, successful students receive a full set of the everyday uniform (one shirt, one pair of shorts, one pair of tracksuit pants, and one tracksuit jacket/jumper) purchased from Atherton Mensland or Atherton Juniors, as well as their student resource scheme levy waived for 2026.

Atherton State High School will award bursaries to five 2026 Year 7 students.

Selection Process:

1. All applicants are required to submit an application form by the due date of Friday 5th September 2025 to the Deputy Principal – Junior Secondary, via the school office.

Applications should include:

- Completed Form
- Relevant Information attached
- Students will then be shortlisted by a selection committee (Principal, Deputy Principal Junior Secondary, and Head of Department - Junior Secondary).
- Atherton SHS may seek information from the applicants' primary school to support the awarding of the bursary.
- As per the bursary application form, students should list an educational referee from their school as well as one other personal referee.

Announcement of Bursary Winners:

All successful applicants will be invited to attend the Atherton SHS Annual Presentation Evening (Tuesday 18th November 2025 from 6pm) where the successful applicants will be announced and awarded with the bursary.

Unsuccessful applicants will be advised via email.

Representatives from Atherton SHS will also attend primary schools end of year graduation ceremonies to recognise the bursary winners.

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