**Junior Secondary Bursary Procedures**

**2024**

***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 2025) 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 2024.

Atherton State High School will award bursaries to five 2025 Year 7 students.

***Selection Process***:

1. All applicants are required to submit an application form by the due date of Friday 6th September 2024 to the Deputy Principal – Junior Secondary, via the school office.
	1. Applications should include:
		1. Completed Form (Page 4 & 5 of this form)
		2. Relevant Information attached (Refer to Page 6 for more information)
2. Students will then be shortlisted by a selection committee (Principal, Deputy Principal Junior Secondary, and Head of Department - Junior Secondary).
3. Atherton SHS may seek information from the applicants’ primary school to support the awarding of the bursary.
4. 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 12th November 2024 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.

**Bursary Application Timeline**

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| Wednesday 15th May, 2024 | Bursary information published to community |
| Friday 6th September 2024 | Applications close |
| Friday 11th October 2024 | Successful and unsuccessful applicants informed via email |
| Tuesday 12th November 2024 | Successful applicants attend Atherton SHS Annual Presentation Evening to receive bursary |
| End of year | Various school representatives attend Year 6 Graduation ceremonies |

**Atherton State High School**

**Bursary Application Form**

**2024**

Applications should be forwarded to:

The Deputy Principal – Junior Secondary

Atherton State High School

PO Box 574

Atherton Q 4883

**By Friday 6th September 2024**

***Atherton SHS has been educating the pride of our community for over half a century. Our school is blessed with great students, committed staff and supportive parents and community members. Our family centred ethos frames our relationships with students and parents underpinning our strong achievement focus****.*

***Bursary information***:

Atherton SHS is the only high school in the township of Atherton. Atherton SHS is one of the schools in the Atherton Cluster of Educators - Atherton SS, Yungaburra SS, Kairi SS, Tolga SS, Walkamin SS, Herberton SS and St Joseph’s School, Irvinebank SS.

Students entering Year 7 in 2024 are encouraged to apply for student bursaries for their first year of secondary education. Students interested in a bursary at Atherton SHS are required to complete this application form and submit to the Deputy Principal Junior Secondary, Atherton SHS by the due date.

***Bursary Criteria***:

1. Bursaries will be awarded to students entering Year 7 in 2025.
2. Bursaries will be awarded to students to support their success in the areas of leadership and academic, cultural, citizenship or sporting activities.
3. 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).
4. Students are required to demonstrate their current strengths, proposed commitments and future aspirations through this written application.
5. If necessary for selection, students will be invited to attend an interview with the Principal - Atherton SHS and Deputy Principal.
6. If further information is required, the student’s local primary school could be contacted for further supporting evidence.

**ATHERTON SHS BURSARY APPLICATION FORM**

**Student Name**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Year Level in 2024**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Student D.O.B.**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Primary School**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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)

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

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This list is an accurate reflection of student’s Semester 1 2024 school results.

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please state one School **and** one Sporting/Community/Personal Referee to support your application (include name, position and phone contact number):

**School Referee:**

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| Name: | Position: | Phone Number: |
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**Sporting/Community/Personal Referee (Please circle):**

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| Name: | Position: | Phone Number: |
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Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Office Use Only: |
| Name of staff Receiving application: | Signature: |
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Date received by Atherton SHS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Attachment 1:**

**Attach a one page (typed in size 12 font or neatly 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.

1. *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.

1. *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.

**Attachment 2:**

**Attach a copy of your most recent school report card.**