

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 5th September 2025 to the Deputy Principal – Junior Secondary, via the school office.

Applications should include:

- Completed Form (Page 4 & 5 of this form)
- Relevant Information attached (Refer to Page 6 for more information)
- 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 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 TIMEFRAME

Wednesday 14th 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 17th November 2025	Successful applicants attend Atherton SHS Annual Presentation Evening to receive bursary
End of year	Various school representatives attend Year 6 Graduation ceremonies