



2026 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 2027 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 2027 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 2027 from any Atherton Cluster primary school who are enrolling in Year 7 at Atherton SHS in 2027 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 at:

www.athertonshs.eq.edu.au/enrolments/stepping-into-high-school and click the yellow button at the bottom called "Bursary Scholarship Information".

Attach supporting documents to your application, 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, 4th September 2026.

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, 17th November 2026, at 6:00 PM. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified via email.

For more information, please contact the school office 4030 5222.

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

1. **Current Achievements**

Tell us about your school achievements and activities you were involved in during year 6. This could include leadership roles, sport, music, clubs, cultural activities, community involvement or other interests.

2. **Strengths and Qualities**

Why would you make a great bursary recipient? Tell us about the personal qualities you are proud of, such as kindness, persistence or leadership.

3. **Atherton Pride**

How will you demonstrate and promote our school values through your attitude, behaviour and involvement at school?

Safe, Responsible, Respectful, Successful

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ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT SCHOOL REPORT CARD

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BURSARY APPLICATION TIMEFRAME

Monday 18th May 2026	Bursary information published to community
Friday 4th September 2026	Applications close
Friday 9th October 2026	Successful and unsuccessful applicants informed via email
Tuesday 17th November 2026	Successful applicants attend Atherton SHS Annual Presentation Evening to receive bursary

JUNIOR SECONDARY BURSARY PROCEDURES

2026 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 2027) 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 2027.

Atherton State High School will award bursaries to ten 2027 Year 7 students.

Selection Process:

1. All applicants are required to submit an application form by the due date of Friday 4th September 2026 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 17th November 2026 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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