



About Blackfriars

Blackfriars is an independent Catholic school under the governance of the Dominican friars, committed to providing a well-rounded education – academically, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually – that caters specifically to the needs of boys. We develop young men who seek truth in life, walk with confidence and purpose and are inspired by the Four Pillars of Dominican life – Prayer, Study, Community and Service.

Blackfriars provides over 750 students from Reception to Year 12 with modern facilities, outstanding resources, world-class tuition and opportunities to explore and question, develop confidence in their abilities and identify and excel in their natural strengths.

The only school in Australia founded by the Dominican friars, Blackfriars remains faithful to the search for truth – *veritas* – as lived and taught by Dominicans across the world for the past 800 years. This search follows authentically in the footsteps and foundations described by St Dominic himself, and by the school's patron, St Albert the Great.

Since its establishment in 1953, Blackfriars has provided an inclusive and progressive educational environment where boys have every opportunity to find their way in the world.

Our Philosophy

The philosophy of Blackfriars is to educate in the pursuit of truth through a life of contemplation and action. We are a Christ-centred Eucharistic community, and this is reflected in all facets of our learning and teaching including an active prayer life and a passion for ministry, justice, peace, equality, religious education and pastoral care.

Our Dominican tradition commands us to recognise and accept the difference in ability and gifts of each student and differentiate learning and teaching appropriately. We synthesise faith and reason, recognising the signs of the times, so as to inspire boys to become fully human and reach their potential as balanced, humble men, who have a deep love for the world in which they live.

Our Mission

Blackfriars is a Catholic Dominican school for boys which promotes the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social development of each member of the school community. We aim, in co-operation with families, to engage students in an educational experience within the context of a Christian community which is fulfilling and rewarding.

Our Vision

To deliver excellence in boys' education through the provision of a transformative, vibrant and reflective learning community that equips and inspires students to confidently and successfully participate as men of integrity in a rapidly changing world.



Academic Extension (A^X) Academy Scholarship

The A^X Academy is an exciting learning enrichment program designed for boys in Years 7 to 11 looking to extend their academic education at Blackfriars. The program enhances the standard secondary school curriculum and includes a broad range of problem-solving and project-based activities in the STEM disciplines – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

The A^X Academy comprises four major components:

- Accelerated subject offerings
- Project-based in-school and after-school STEM extension activities
- Mentoring by industry experts
- Opportunity to participate in STEM experiences and competitions

The A^X Academy encourages highly motivated students to extend themselves, collaborate with like-minded students and to excel. It is offered as an elective subject and is accompanied by several co-curricular opportunities.

Detailed information about the A^X Academy and the exciting opportunities available to Blackfriars students in our STEM program is available on our website at blackfriars.sa.edu.au/learning/ax-academy/

A^X Academy Scholarships provide a 50% reduction of the recipient's tuition fees for their remaining years of secondary education at Blackfriars. This is annually reviewed and contingent on his continuous achievement of excellent academic progress and reputation for support of the Blackfriars mission and values.

Eligibility

The 2025 A^X Scholarships are open to any domestic students currently enrolled or enrolled to start in Year 7 or 8 at Blackfriars in 2025.

A student may hold only one scholarship at any one time at Blackfriars. Should a student holding a scholarship be awarded or offered another, his parents/guardians must select one between the two.

Selection criteria

Awarding of an A^X Scholarship is based on an applicant's:

1. academic ability, interest in and commitment to STEM subjects; and
2. dedication to the ideals and values of Blackfriars.

Note: The response given to the selection criteria in this application are to be completed by the student/applicant only - not the parents/guardians.



Closing date and submission details

Applications for 2025 A^X Scholarships must be received by **4pm, Friday 12 April 2024**.

Applications can be submitted via post, emailed to registrar@bps.sa.edu.au or delivered in person to the Blackfriars Administration, marked for the attention of:

**The Scholarship Committee
Blackfriars Priory School
PO Box 86
PROSPECT SA 5082**

All application details will remain confidential to members of the Scholarship Committee.

Results

All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their scholarship application in due course.

Expectations of the scholarship recipient

Students receiving a Blackfriars scholarship will, along with their families, show a commitment towards making a positive contribution to the life of the school.

The Principal reserves the right to revoke a scholarship for appropriate reasons.

Further information

For further information, please contact Blackfriars Registrar, Linda Gavranic, at registrar@bps.sa.edu.au or during office hours on 08 8169 3954.



Student/Applicant details

Surname:			
Given name(s):			
Date of birth:			
Street address:			
Suburb:		Postcode:	
Current school:		Year level:	

Parent/Guardian 1

Title:	<input type="radio"/> Mr <input type="radio"/> Mrs <input type="radio"/> Ms <input type="radio"/> Miss <input type="radio"/> Dr
Surname:	
Given name:	
Relationship to student:	
Occupation:	
Mobile phone:	
Email:	

Parent/Guardian 2

Title:	<input type="radio"/> Mr <input type="radio"/> Mrs <input type="radio"/> Ms <input type="radio"/> Miss <input type="radio"/> Dr
Surname:	
Given name:	
Relationship to student:	
Occupation:	
Mobile phone:	
Email:	

Family information

Names and ages of applicant's siblings (if applicable):	



Acceptance of scholarship conditions

- ☐ I / We accept that the recipient of the scholarship will, along with their family, show a commitment towards making a positive contribution to the life of Blackfriars.
- ☐ I / We understand that the Principal reserves the right to revoke a scholarship for appropriate reasons.
- ☐ I / We understand that a student may hold only one scholarship at any one time at Blackfriars.
- ☐ I / We understand that if the recipient of the scholarship were to subsequently transfer to another school prior to graduation, the family is liable to repay the full value of the scholarship to Blackfriars.
- ☐ The responses provided to the selection criteria are the work of the student/applicant.

Signatures

Student/Applicant:		Date:	
Parent/Guardian 1:		Date:	
Parent/Guardian 2:		Date:	



Response to selection criteria

Please provide 100–200-word statement that demonstrates how you would embrace the learning opportunities provided through the A^X Academy Program at Blackfriars.

Interest in and commitment to STEM subjects

Supporting Documentation

Applicants should provide a copy of their latest school report in support of their application.