



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.



John Lewis Scholarship

The John Lewis Scholarship is provided to assist with the tuition and school expenses for a Year 11 student attending Blackfriars. One scholarship is available annually.

The scholarship is named in recognition of Mr John Lewis, a generous benefactor of the Dominican community in Adelaide and previous owner of *Comonella / St Catharine's*, the property which comprises the Blackfriars campus.

In 1911, the substantial St Catharine's property (named after his wife by Mr James Angas Johnson in 1880) at Prospect had been purchased for £4,000 by the Lewis family who renamed it *Comonella*, after one of the families' many pastoral holdings. After the death of Mr John Lewis, the property passed into the ownership of his three daughters, Miss Lena Lewis, Mrs Olive Kirchner and Miss Margaret Lewis, who generously arranged for the sale of the property to the Dominican community at the end of 1951, leading to the establishment of Blackfriars in 1953.

Recipients of the John Lewis Scholarship receive a bursary covering the full tuition fee at Year 11 plus \$500 for approved in-school expenses (e.g. camps, excursions, uniform, stationery, etc.).

Eligibility

To be eligible for the John Lewis Scholarship in 2025, the applicant must be a domestic student, enrolled and attending Blackfriars in Year 10, 2024.

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 the John Lewis Scholarship is based on an applicant's:

1. commitment to exemplifying the Four Pillars of Dominican Life;
2. efforts to embrace a spirit of generosity; and
3. financial need and/or that of his parents/guardians.

Note: The responses given to selection criteria 1 and 2 in this application are to be completed by the student/applicant only - not the parents/guardians.





Closing date and submission details

Applications for the 2025 John Lewis Scholarship 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:	
Year started at Blackfriars:			
Current year level:		Teacher / Home Group:	
Parish:			
Parish priest:			
Is the student currently receiving a scholarship or other financial assistance (e.g. School Card, Youth Allowance, etc.)? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
If Yes, please specify:			

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 selection criteria 1 and 2 are the work of the student/applicant.

Signatures

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



Responses to selection criteria

1. Four Pillars of Dominican Life

Blackfriars is built upon the Four Pillars of Dominican Life - Prayer, Study, Community and Service. Please provide an explanation of how you embody the values of the Four Pillars in your life either at school, home or in the wider community.

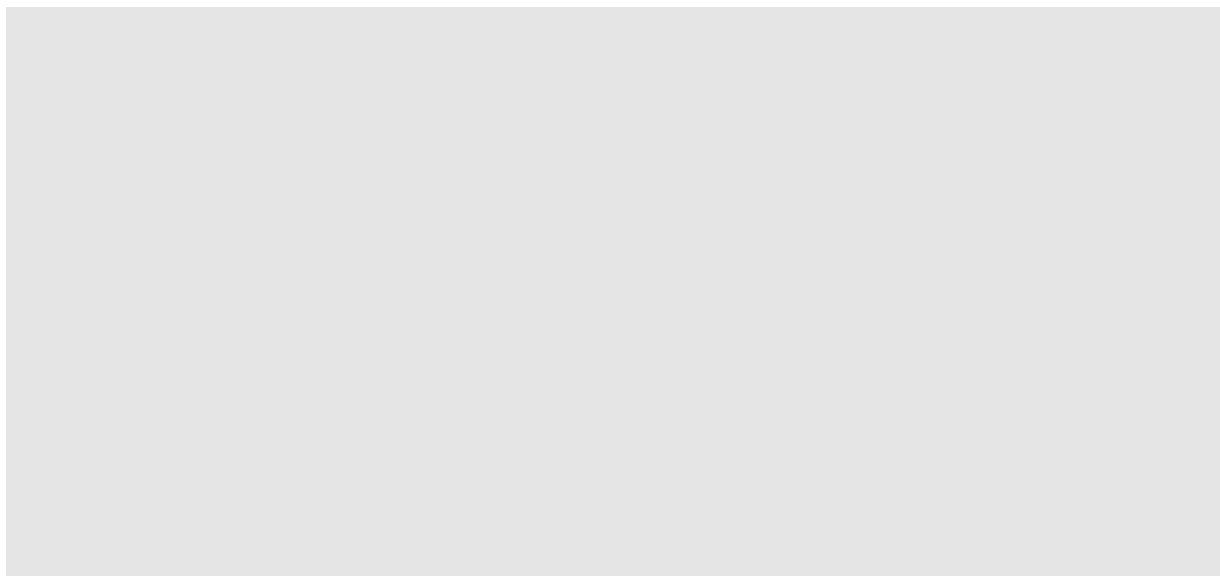
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Study

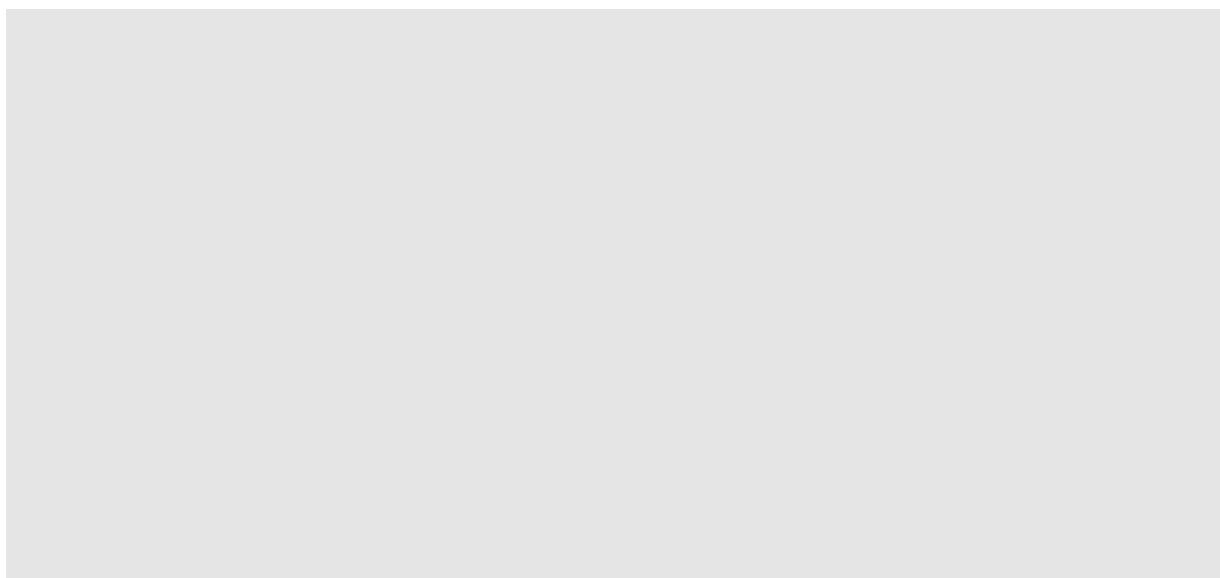




Community



Service





2. Spirit of generosity

The scholarship is named in recognition of Mr John Lewis, a generous benefactor of the Dominican community in Adelaide and previous owner of *Comonella / St Catharine's*, the property which comprises the Blackfriars campus.

Through their provision of St Catharine's House and the surrounding grounds, the Lewis family expressed true kindness towards the Dominicans. Their generosity continued over the years with their ongoing support to Blackfriars and local community. Such benevolence has ensured that Mr Lewis and his family will always be remembered as an important part of our school's history.

How have you embraced the spirit of generosity and kindness in your life either at school, home and/or in the wider community?



3. Financial need and/or that of your parents/guardians

Please provide any information pertaining to financial need that you feel comfortable sharing.

Supporting Documentation

Applicants are invited to attach up to ten (10) pages of supporting documentation relevant to demonstrating the selection criteria. This may include, but is not limited to, school reports, NAPLAN results, academic awards/certificates, sports, music or community group awards/citations and referee statements by teachers, coaches, mentors or religious ministers.