



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.



Music Scholarships

Recipients of a Music Scholarship are entitled to full remission of music tuition fees with a private tutor, instrument hire, music resources and music textbook fees for two years. Scholarships are up to the value of \$2,500 (in music fees/resources).

Up to four Music Scholarships are available annually.

The instrumental tuition is provided by a tutor appointed by the Blackfriars Music department.

Eligibility

2025 Music Scholarships are open to any domestic student entering Years 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 a Music Scholarship is based on an applicant's:

1. performance at a practical audition;
2. proven capacity or potential in music;
3. aural testing and interview;
4. ability to manage all academic aspects of music and school commitments; and
5. commitment to enriching the arts culture of Blackfriars by being involved in music making and performance opportunities.

Audition details

You may be contacted to arrange an audition. At your audition appointment, please provide three copies of the audition piece music for the audition panel.

Closing date and submission details

Applications for a 2025 Music 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.

All successful scholarship recipients are required to show a strong commitment towards the Music program until the end of Year 10 at a minimum. This is the considered time frame in which students start to reap the benefits for their learnt technique and advancement of their instrumental and ensemble involvement. It is expected that Music Scholarship recipients will maintain their music studies at Blackfriars until at least SACE level.

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

Further information

For further information, please contact:

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08 8169 3930

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Registrar
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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:	



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.

Signatures

Student/Applicant:

Date:

Parent/Guardian 1:

Date:

Parent/Guardian 2:

Date:



Instrument selection

Blackfriars offers the following instruments for tuition and hire. **Please select one instrument only in each of the columns.**

Woodwind	Brass / Strings / Voice	Rhythm
<input type="radio"/> Flute	<input type="radio"/> Trumpet	<input type="radio"/> Electric Bass
<input type="radio"/> Clarinet	<input type="radio"/> Trombone	<input type="radio"/> Electric Guitar*
<input type="radio"/> Alto Saxophone	<input type="radio"/> Violin	<input type="radio"/> Piano/Keyboard*
<input type="radio"/> Tenor Saxophone	<input type="radio"/> Vocal	<input type="radio"/> Drums^

* Limited hire available

^ Not for hire

Please indicate your **order of preference** for the three instrument categories (i.e. 1, 2, 3).

Instrument Category	Preference
Woodwind	
Brass / Strings / Voice	
Rhythm	

Blackfriars will endeavour to give the applicant his first preference. However, for the applicant to receive the full benefit of a musical education, it may be necessary for him to play an instrument other than his first choice. Students and parents will be consulted about instrument choices and allocations prior to the commencement of the new school year.





Response to selection criteria

Music experience

Please provide details of your music experience, including:

- the instrument(s) you can play (and to what standard);
- musicianship and music theory knowledge;
- any music achievements obtained; and
- your involvement in the arts culture (either at school, your local parish or the wider community).





Managing music and school commitments

How do you plan to manage your involvement in music at Blackfriars with your academic commitments and other co-curricular activities?

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, instrumental reports and letters of recommendation (e.g. from instrumental teachers).

