Year 7 and 8 Academic Scholarships, including the Brad Selway Memorial Scholarship and the Bradley Fenner Scholarship for Entry in 2018 at Westminster School

General Information

1. Eligibility
Westminster School is coeducational at all levels and all scholarships are open to both boys and girls. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of performance in the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) Australian Cooperative Entry Program (ACEP) examination. This examination is open to existing Westminster School students and to other students who wish to attend Westminster School. Scholarships are awarded in Year 7 (in 2017) seeking entry to the first year of secondary schooling (Year 8 in 2018).

We have recently introduced the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) Alternate examination. This examination is open to existing Westminster School students and to other students who wish to attend Westminster School. Scholarships are awarded in Year 6 (in 2017) seeking entry to Year 7 in 2018.

2. Year 8 Academic Scholarships Available

Full Scholarships – One or more full scholarships will be offered, enabling students to complete their secondary education at our School without payment of any tuition fees. The top Year 8 Academic Scholarship awarded by Westminster School is known as the Brad Selway Memorial Scholarship. The Bradley Fenner Scholarship will provide 50% fee remission from Years 8 to 12 and will be awarded to a student in need from the results of these scholarship exams.

Part Scholarships – Several part scholarships will be offered, providing a remission in tuition fees for each year of a student’s secondary education.

All scholarships continue for the five years of secondary schooling or until the completion of Year 12, providing student attitude, behaviour and progress are all considered to be satisfactory.

Year 7 Academic Scholarships Available

Part Scholarships – Several part scholarships will be offered, providing a remission in tuition fees for each year of a student’s secondary education.

All scholarships continue for the six years of secondary schooling or until the completion of Year 12, providing student attitude, behaviour and progress are all considered to be satisfactory.

3. Examination Date
The ACEP scholarship examination and an Alternative examination will be held at Westminster School on Saturday 4 February 2017, between 8.45 am and 12 noon. Students are asked to meet at Main School Reception at 8.40 am in order to be directed to the appropriate examination venue. Please refer to Procedure on the Day of the Examination in the ACEP Candidate Information Bulletin, issued by ACER, which will explain what students will be required to bring for the examination (e.g. writing equipment).
4. **Registration Fee**
Candidates must register and pay a separate fee to each school to which they apply. If the candidate is an Australian citizen and applying to Westminster School, then a registration and examination fee of AUD$105 (inc. GST) is payable and will be processed by ACER. This payment needs to be made on-line at the time of registration.

Overseas applicants will be required to pay the AUD$150 overseas service fee (inc. GST) in addition to the AUD$105 registration fee.

5. **Overseas and Remote Location Applicants**
Students applying to Westminster School, but unable to attend Westminster School for the examination, can register to test at another official examination centre.

Special centres may be available to test overseas and remote location applicants. Under these circumstances, it is advisable that registration and special arrangements are made early in order to determine proximity and access to a special test centre.

Additional information is available from ACER for overseas and remote location applicants.

6. **Registration Closing Date**
The closing date for on-line registration is Thursday 19 January 2017.

**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED BY WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.**

7. **Notification of Results**
Scholarships will be awarded as soon as possible after ACER notifies our School of the examination results. This notification is expected to be during early March 2017.

In the first instance, all applicants will receive advice as to the outcome of their application, based on their examination result. Actual scores or order of merit will not be reported with this advice.

A detailed breakdown of individual examination marks will be sent by ACER to each applicant later in 2017, if requested by the applicant when applying.

8. **The ACEP Candidate Information Bulletin for Year 8 Entry in 2018**
The ACEP Candidate Information Bulletin is published by ACER and gives a general outline of the type of examination to be conducted and information about the entry procedure. Sample examination questions can be ordered by following instructions in the ACEP Candidate Information Bulletin.

Neither Westminster School nor ACER will supply any further information about the actual examination beyond the material available through the ACEP Candidate Information Bulletin.

9. **Additional Information**
   a) If applying to more than one school, parents are advised to establish an order of preference before completing the preference list of schools.
   b) A scholarship will be offered by a school lower on the preference list only if the scholarship is of a higher value than any offered by a school higher on the preference list. This is ascertained after the examination results have been issued by ACER and following consultation between the Heads of the schools concerned.
   c) Westminster School does not use this examination to determine which applicants for enrolment will be offered places. At Westminster, the examination will determine scholarship winners only.
   d) We require confirmation from 2 caregivers (often both biological parents) that the student is permitted to apply for the Scholarship and sit the test. We are understanding that in some families this may not be possible.

Any further enquiries about the scholarship, examination or enrolment should be directed to the Enrolments Manager.

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