



ST PETER'S
COLLEGE

D'arcy Sutherland Scholarship



For entry into Year 10, 2026



D'arcy Sutherland Scholarship

Background

Dr Hamilton D'arcy Sutherland CBE was born in Adelaide in 1913. His father, Alan, was killed in 1917 during the First World War and he and his younger brother, Lance, were raised by their widowed mother Elsie.

D'arcy attended St Peter's College from 1923–1931 on a scholarship for the sons of old scholars killed during active service. While at the School, D'arcy embraced the opportunities provided and forged lifelong friendships. Encouraged by then Headmaster, Reverend Julian Bickersteth, D'arcy went on to study medicine at the University of Adelaide, where he graduated in 1937. In 1945 he sat and passed the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' Fellowship exam and in 1946 became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

During his career, D'arcy achieved a reputation as a master surgeon both nationally and internationally. He was South Australia's first cardiac surgeon and established the Royal Adelaide Hospital thoracic surgery unit in 1949, conducting Adelaide's first heart surgery in 1956. He was President of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons from 1978 to 1979. In 1980 he was awarded a Commander of the Order of the British Empire for services to surgery.

D'arcy passed away on 19 July 2008, aged 94 and is survived by his children Dr Andrew Sutherland AM (DAC '60), Dr Peter Sutherland OAM (DAC '69), and Mrs Elizabeth Wilson and his wife Mrs Rosemary Sutherland. D'arcy believed that the opportunity to attend St Peter's College on a scholarship had a profound impact on his life and contributed to his success, both personally and professionally. It was his desire to leave a lasting legacy and provide an opportunity for a promising, capable and compassionate student for whom a Saints education would otherwise be out of reach.

Selection Criteria

The D'arcy Sutherland Scholarship will first be awarded to a student not currently enrolled at St Peter's College and entering Year 10 in 2026 as a day student (non-boarder).

The scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding student who would be unable to attend St Peter's College without significant financial support, who possesses all-round qualities and can provide evidence of the following:

- Record of strong academic endeavours
- Evidence of service and/or citizenship in current school community and beyond
- High level of participation in co-curricular activities (music, sport, drama, visual arts etc)
- High level of engagement at current school

Consideration will be given to the following factors:

- Financial circumstances
- Social diversity

Extra consideration will be given to families who have a history of military service, or have experienced or are currently experiencing significant hardship.

Benefits

The D'arcy Sutherland Scholarship includes:

- Remission of 60% of tuition fees and 60% of fixed charge and IT levy for two or three years depending on Year level entry.
 - Application fee of \$100 and enrolment fee of \$2,700 (normally payable once a formal offer of admission to St Peter's College has been made and accepted by completing acceptance of offer).
- Families will be expected to pay all other costs including:
- Transport to and from school
 - Recess and lunch
 - School uniform (typically initial costs of approx. \$1,500)
 - Books and stationery (approx \$500 per annum)
 - MacBook, required by all students (up to \$2,500)
 - Optional music tuition and hire of instrument (up to \$1,250 per annum)

Expectations

The family will be expected to participate in the School community, attending School activities and events (particularly in relation to their son's activities) and in School community groups.

The recipient will be expected to provide feedback to the School about the impact of the scholarship on a regular basis during his schooling and, from time to time, as an old scholar. While at St Peter's College, the recipient will also be expected to garner a comprehensive understanding of the educational and vocational journey of Hamilton D'arcy Sutherland CBE and his extended family.

For the duration of the scholarship and beyond, the recipient's family is encouraged, if and when possible, to make a financial contribution to the St Peter's College Foundation. Such support will assist the foundation, as the charitable body tasked with raising funds for bursaries and scholarships, to provide similar opportunities for other students in the future.

Instructions

Please complete all sections of this application in full. Students who are shortlisted will be interviewed with their parents by a selection panel including the Headmaster.

Refer to the checklist on page 3 to ensure you have attached all documentation the School has requested and address your application to:

Director of Enrolments
St Peter's College
St Peters SA 5069

Applications close at 4:30pm on Monday 31 March 2025.

For more information:

Phone: +61 8 8404 0400
Email: enrolments@stpeters.sa.edu.au

Checklist

For the student to be considered for a scholarship, please ensure all the requested documents are supplied.

A covering letter written by the student, addressing the selection criteria and detailing his reasons for seeking the D'arcy Sutherland Scholarship. ☐

A covering letter from the student's Parents/Guardians, detailing their reasons for seeking the D'arcy Sutherland Scholarship. ☐

A recent photo of the student. ☐

A copy of the student's most recent school reports for 2024. ☐

Copies of the student's NAPLAN results from Years 7 and 9. ☐

At least one letter of reference with a daytime telephone contact commenting on the student's personal attributes and character (ideally provided by a teacher or someone who is unrelated to the student and has known the student for many years). ☐

A separate sheet identifying areas of strength and excellence and listing the student's interests and involvement in sport, music, church, community and other extra-curricular activities. ☐

A copy of Australian Taxation Office (ATO) business and personal statements for the past three financial years. Information must include declarations on income, expenses, financial assets and liabilities as well as benefits or assistance received. ☐

Copies of any awards or certificates the student has received for academic, sporting, music, artistic, community or character achievements. ☐

Please confirm you meet the prerequisites for consideration for this scholarship opportunity:

The applicant is an Australian Citizen and/or Permanent Resident and is currently attending a school other than St Peter's College. ☐

The student will be entering in 2026 as a day student. ☐

We understand this scholarship is subject to means-testing and the relevant documents have been provided. ☐

We understand the scholarship will cover 60% of tuition fees and 60% of the annual IT levy and fixed charges. ☐



D'arcy Sutherland Scholarship

Student Details

Surname (please print)

Given names

Preferred name

Residential address

Postcode

Postal address

Postcode

Date of birth

/

/

Country of origin

Nationality

Present school

Present year level

Student's area(s) of excellence

Parent or Guardian Information

Father or Guardian

Mr / Dr / Prof / Rev'd / Other

Surname

Given names

Preferred name

Relationship to the student

Address

Home telephone

Business telephone

Mobile

Email

Occupation

Language spoken at home other than English

Old scholar Y / N Peer year House

Mother or Guardian

Mrs / Ms / Miss / Dr / Prof / Rev'd / Other

Surname

Given names

Preferred name

Relationship to the student

Address

Home telephone

Business telephone

Mobile

Email

Occupation

Language spoken at home other than English

Close family connections of parents and/or relatives that are current or old scholars of the School

Name

Relationship to applicant

Please sign below to acknowledge you have read and understood the scholarship application instructions

Parent/Guardian signature

Print name

Date

/

/

