



DCP School Scholarships Program

FACT SHEET

A strong and supportive education can open doors for children and young people in care. For some, attending a non-government school may best support their learning needs, talents and aspirations.

The Department for Child Protection (DCP) partners with Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) and several independent schools to provide full-fee scholarships with additional educational supports.

Who is eligible?

CESA schools

A child or young person may be nominated if they are not currently, or were not previously, enrolled at a CESA school while in care **and are under one of the following orders***:

- Guardianship of the Chief Executive until they reach 18 years of age.
- Long-Term Guardianship of a specified person or persons until they reach 18 years of age**.

*CESA retains discretion to assess and approve applications on a case-by-case basis.
**Children and young people on Long-Term Guardianship orders are only eligible for a CESA scholarship.



Independent schools

A child or young person in care of any age may be nominated.

An important consideration is matching children with a school environment, ethos and supports.

What does the scholarship cover?

CESA scholarships

Comprehensive support provided annually, including **full school tuition and an annual package** for:



- uniforms
- textbooks and learning materials
- excursions and camps
- extracurricular activities (with specific inclusions depending on the individual school site).

Scholarships renew annually until the student reaches the school's highest year level (e.g., R-6 or R-12).

Independent school scholarships support varies by school but **always includes full tuition**.

Other supports may be included depending on the school.

How do I express interest?

Speak with your **DCP case worker** to discuss:

- your interest in the scholarship program
- preferred school locations
- suitability and support needs

For Long-Term Guardianship Specified Person carers only

Fill out the nomination form and send it to the DCP Long-Term Guardian (Specified Person) Team

longtermguardianship@sa.gov.au.





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CATHOLIC EDUCATION SOUTH AUSTRALIA – LTG(SP) NOMINATION PROCESS

1 Initial enquiry

- Guardian identifies a CESA scholarship opportunity
- Guardian discusses it with the child or young person

2 Guardian collects required information

- Guardian collects:
 - Current education history
 - School reports
 - Supporting documentation (e.g. assessments and relevant plans)

4 DCP submits nomination

- DCP LTG (SP) team reviews the nomination and completes the DCP delegate details section
- DCP LTG (SP) team sends the verified nomination to the DCP School Scholarships Team and CESA scholarship Team

3 Guardian completes nomination

- Guardian completes the DCP LTG (SP) CESA Scholarship Nomination Form
- Guardian submits the form and collected documents to the DCP LTG (SP) Team at longtermguardianship@sa.gov.au

5 School Assessment and matching

- *Nomination reviewed by CESA*
- *CESA or school coordinates suitability discussions and school consideration*

6 School review

- *School considers student's educational and support needs*
- *School assesses its ability to accommodate the student*
- *CESA or school responds with acceptance, request for further information, or decline*

7 Guardian completes enrolment

- Coordinates enrolment process
- Works with school to ensure supports are in place

For more information

Scan the QR code for more information about the DCP School Scholarships Program. If you have questions, please email the DCP Long-Term Guardian (Specified Person) Team at longtermguardianship@sa.gov.au.

