



Christian Study Contribution Program September 2021



PMSA



1. Preface

The Presbyterian & Methodist Schools Association (PMSA) has established the Christian Study Contribution Program for PMSA schools.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to provide financial assistance to current students of PMSA schools entering a Christian study program such as the [Certificate III in Christian Ministry & Theology](#) or any related activities.

3. Program funding

Schools may apply for funding for an amount up to a maximum of \$2,000 per school per annum. The application submitted by the school may be applied to:

- 3.1 Provide fee assistance to students entering a Christian study program (maximum of \$1,000 per student). A contribution from the student's family towards course fees will also be required (amount to be determined by the Principal); or
- 3.2 Assist in funding a Christian study program or related activities within the school; or
- 3.3 A combination of both (1) and (2).

4. Program eligibility

To be eligible for funding, a school must:

- 4.1 Provide details of the student(s) to receive assistance; who must:
 - (a) Be a current student of a PMSA school, enrolled in year 11 or 12;
 - (b) Be accepted or will be confirmed as accepted to commence a Christian study program such as the [Certificate III in Christian Ministry & Theology](#) or similar in the next calendar year or be enrolled in such a course; or
- 4.2 Provide details of the Christian study program or related activities within the school for which funding is sought; or
- 4.3 A combination of both (4.1) and (4.2)

5. Criteria

Applicants will be assessed on the following criteria:

- 5.1 Engagement in Christian faith, life and service, active involvement in the school's Christian service activities and modelling of the Christian ethos of the school.
- 5.2 Contribution to the PMSA school and demonstration of the PMSA values (relationships, excellence, care, ethics, personal development and celebration).
- 5.3 Overall academic performance and suitability for the selected study program.
- 5.4 Commitment to personal and spiritual growth and a willingness to serve.

6. Conditions

- 6.1 Any variation in enrolment from the approved study program must be approved by the SLG, prior to any change, for eligibility to continue. Approval will depend on evidence that the variation continues to meet the intention of the Program.
- 6.2 The contribution is paid on receipt of evidence of acceptance into and enrolment in an approved study program.
- 6.3 The contribution payment is repayable if the student fails to continue with enrolment in the approved program of study.

- 6.4 Schools to monitor the academic and personal progress by the student. Satisfactory academic and personal progress by the student is an ongoing condition of the contribution. Failure to attain satisfactory progress may result in cancellation on six months' notice.
- 6.5 The Principal and/or School Chaplain / Christian Ministry Advocate will provide an annual student and/or program progress update report at the end of each year.

7. Timeline

21 September 2021	Christian Study Contribution Program advertised
	Information will be disseminated in school newsletters and intranets, and via class and year level announcements. Information will be available on the PMSA and school websites.
17 October 2021	Applications close
	Applications must be received by the PMSA by this date. Applications for funding will then be considered for approval by the CEO, CMA and Principals.
January 2022	Funding awarded
	Funding to be distributed to the schools in accordance with the approved application. For students enrolling on a Christian Study Program once students have received confirmed entry places the contribution payment will be made via the school.
February 2022	Announcement of students and awards
	Students may be invited to attend an appropriate award ceremony in their school and to meet with representatives of the PMSA/SLG early in the academic year.