

The Erasmus Primary School Bursary Trust aims to make education at Erasmus Primary School accessible to families who are unable to pay full fees. Generous donors provide the money for the Bursary Trust to assist those who are eligible.

Each year, the number of families who receive assistance depends on the funds available, and priority is given to families who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the school's principles and community. Regretfully, not all applications will be successful.

The Australian Tax Office (ATO) defines a Bursary or Scholarship as ongoing or one-off benefit payment/s to students to cover school fees, textbooks and other educational expenses such as uniforms, travel, boarding, or for living costs.

The ATO requires that a Scholarship Fund:

- ❑ Only be awarded to Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia
- ❑ Is open to individuals or groups of individuals throughout Australia, a state, or territory or region of at least 200,000 people
- ❑ Promotes the recipient's education in pre-school courses, primary courses, secondary courses or tertiary courses in Australia and /or in educational institutions overseas by way of a component of such an Australian course
- ❑ Be awarded on merit or for reasons of equity ("would cover students who are experiencing socio-economic disadvantage or hardship or suffering disability.")

The ATO states that a Scholarship, Bursary or Prize may impose reasonable eligibility conditions to ensure it is appropriately targeted on the basis of merit or for reasons of equity.

To be eligible to receive a Bursary, you must first apply using the Bursary Application form, which can be obtained by emailing our Bookkeeper at accounts@erasmus.vic.edu.au.

If you would like to discuss the application process in more detail, please contact the Registrar at registrar@erasmus.vic.edu.au or call 03 9819 1266.