



The Heather Barr Bursary 2025 Application Information

This PLC Old Collegians' Association bursary recognises participation and contribution to PLC and is awarded to "the girl entering Year 12 who most clearly displays the qualities which reflect the principles espoused by Miss Barr". The selected student should be dedicated to the ideals and educational objectives of the School and she will have distinguished herself by showing selflessness, tolerance and compassion towards her peers and her juniors, demonstrating the maturity and judgment she has acquired during her years at PLC.

The recipient will receive \$5,000 towards tuition fees in 2025.

Miss Heather Barr

Principal, Presbyterian Ladies' College

1968 - 1989

Heather Barr hailed originally from Toowoomba, Queensland, and completed her last two years of schooling at PLC, graduating in 1949. Miss Barr was Principal of the school from January 1968 until her sudden death at the age of 59 in 1989. Miss Barr was the first of our Old Collegians to be Principal.



OCA Minutes from 1989 detail Mrs Gwen Bull added a criterion to the Heather Barr Bursary - "the evidence that a girl had 'blossomed' under the care of the school. It was generally agreed that the Bursary would single out a girl with special qualities, not necessarily those of high academic achievement.

Criteria

Year 11's are invited to apply for the Heather Barr Memorial Bursary by submitting an essay identifying the values apparent within the school community. They should discuss the importance of these values beyond school years and cite personal experiences at school as an example of these values.



The bursary is open to all year 11 students, if they are not already recipients of a scholarship or bursary from the school, the Parents' Committee or have been awarded a previous OCA bursary (unless it is a music bursary).

Format

- Applications should be no more than two A4 pages.
- Applications should have a cover page with the name of the Bursary and student details on it.

General Requirements

- Applications should attach a copy of their mid-year report (no originals).
- Applications should also attach a dot-point list of co-curricular activities they have participated in (sports, music, service etc), awards they have earned and positions they have held.
- Please submit 3 x printed copies of your application to Lyn Taylor at the Senior School Reception no later than 4.00 pm on **Friday 2 August 2024**.

Process

- After applicants submit their written applications, a shortlist will be selected by a panel of PLC Old Collegians.
- Each shortlisted applicant will be invited to a brief (10 minute) interview with the panel.
- The panel will award the bursary following the completion of interviews.

Bursary Key Dates:

Applications Open: Friday 28 June 2024

Applications Close: Friday 2 August 2024

Heather Barr Bursary Interviews: 3.45 – 4.30 pm, Monday 12 August 2024

Bursary awarded: Tuesday 20 August 2024

Further information is available on the PLC website:

<https://www.plc.wa.edu.au/connected-community/old-collegians/bursaries/>