

Macleans College



Scholarship at Macleans College

Student Guide 2019

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What is Scholarship?

Scholarship is New Zealand's premier qualification, over and above the National Certificate of Education Achievement (NCEA) Level 3 and Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) A Level.

It is only awarded to the top students in the country and, as a result, is regarded very highly by universities and employers.

It is designed to challenge and reward the most gifted students.

How Can I Find Out More?

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) website explains more about Scholarship as well as giving you an overview of each subject:

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/scholarship>

Each Scholarship subject varies; it may be similar to your current course or require a new approach.

Your subject teacher is the best person to speak to for more details. They will be able to give you an idea of what is expected of you in their particular Scholarship subject. They will probably give you a little advice and discuss with you whether they think you are capable of studying their subject at Scholarship level.

If it sounds like something you are interested in and you and your subject teacher feel you have the aptitude for it, you should then speak to the teacher-in-charge of the Scholarship course in that subject.

It is your responsibility to see the Scholarship teachers and get yourself signed up for a Scholarship course. You must also complete an entry form at the start of the year indicating which Scholarship subjects you intend to take.

Why Study Scholarship?

There are a number of reasons why you may choose to study Scholarship:

- **Enhancing your knowledge**

Scholarship extends your knowledge in a subject which you are already very interested in. As a result, it will also improve your performance in your CIE A Level and NCEA Level 3 courses. Many students choose to do Scholarship because they are particularly passionate about that subject.

- **Monetary Reward**

A single subject Scholarship carries a \$500 one-off payment. Three or more Scholarships carry awards of between \$2,000 and \$10,000 each year for a maximum of three years when studying at a New Zealand university, providing you maintain a 'B' grade average in years 2 and 3. This money is also paid to International Fee Paying (FFP) students. For students studying at an overseas university, Macleans College pays a one-off payment of \$500 for a single subject Scholarship and between \$2,000 and \$10,000 as a one-off payment for three or more scholarships.

- **Enhancing your Curriculum Vitae (CV)**

Competition for places at the top universities in New Zealand and overseas is becoming tougher every year. You need something which sets you apart from all the other students applying for the same places. Many of you will already have impressive looking CVs with your co-curricular activities and academic achievements, but Scholarship qualifications show that you have chosen to study your subject above and beyond the majority of New Zealand students. This is looked upon very favourably by University admissions staff and future employers. In short, Scholarship gives you "the edge".

- **Preparation for University study**

Scholarship learning has far more similarities with first year undergraduate studies than CIE Advanced Subsidiary (AS) or NCEA Level 3 does. It encourages independent study, an investigative approach and a questioning mind; all of which will benefit you at university.

- **Personal challenge**

Sometimes proving to yourself that you can work at a higher level than you have before is one of the biggest rewards, especially if you gain a Scholarship award at the end of the year. This probably goes without saying, but if you are good at something, or love doing it, then why not prove to yourself and others, that you can work at the very highest level.

- **Practice**

For Year 12 students, you may want to gain experience and practice in a subject which you the study again at Scholarship level in Year 13. Not only does this give you a greater chance of getting it the second year, but you may also have a better shot at getting a Premier Scholarship award.

Who?

There are a number of teachers involved with Scholarship at Macleans College. Overseeing the whole programme and the people to see if you have general questions or concerns about Scholarship is the **Scholarship Team**:

Staff Code	Name	Title
CARB	Mrs Carlson	Scholarship Team
YYUR	Ms Yu	Scholarship Team
JANM	Mrs Jackson	Scholarship Team
PEK	PEEK, S (Mr)	Associate Principal
PHI	PHILLIPS, M (Mr)	Deputy Principal

The list below, are the Scholarship teachers for 2019:

Subject Area	Staff Code	Teacher Name	Title
ARTS			
· <i>Art (Design)</i>	WILS	Mrs Williams	Faculty Head
· <i>Art (Painting)</i>	LEDB	Mrs Ledington	Scholarship Teacher
· <i>Art (Photography)</i>			
COMMERCE			
· <i>Accounting</i>	GILK	Mr Gilbert	Head of Department
· <i>Economics</i>	MONK	Ms Monsen Mrs Ladhoo	Head of Department Scholarship Teacher
DANCE			
· <i>Dance</i>	NORK	Mrs Norman	Scholarship Teacher
DRAMA			
· <i>Drama</i>	HARB WALK	Ms Harrison Ms Walsh	Head of Department Scholarship Teacher
ENGLISH			
· <i>English</i>	GGHK RESS BOWU	Mr Gough Ms Restieaux Mr Bowie	Scholarship Teacher Scholarship Teacher Scholarship Teacher
· <i>Media Studies</i>	BOWH	Mrs Bowie	Scholarship Teacher
LANGUAGES			
· <i>Chinese</i>	XXUB	Ms Xu	Scholarship Teacher

· <i>Japanese</i>	HOSK	Mrs Hoshino	Scholarship Teacher
· <i>Spanish</i>	RODB	Mr Rodriguez	Head of Faculty
MATHEMATICS			
· <i>Calculus</i>	EDWR BUCK YYUR	Mr Edwards Mr Buckley Ms Yu	Scholarship Teacher Head of Faculty Scholarship Teacher
· <i>Statistics</i>	CARB BUCK	Mrs Carlson Mr Buckley	Scholarship Teacher Head of Faculty
MUSIC			
· <i>Music</i>	MCNM	Mrs McNabb	Faculty Head
PHYSICAL EDUCATION			
· <i>Physical Education</i>	MARB	Mrs Marnewick	Scholarship Teacher

SCIENCES			
· <i>Biology</i>	OBRT	Mrs O'Brien	Scholarship Teacher
	HUMB	Mrs Humphreys	Scholarship Teacher
	CHAT	Ms Chamberlain	Scholarship Teacher
· <i>Chemistry</i>	THOM	Dr Thomas	Faculty Head
	MARU	Mrs Martin	Scholarship Teacher
· <i>Physics</i>	LALB	Dr Lal	Scholarship Teacher
	GRST	Mr Grose	Head of Department
· <i>Earth and Space Science</i>	QUEB	Mr Quesnell	Scholarship Teacher
SOCIAL SCIENCES			
· <i>Classical Studies</i>	DAVM	Mr Davidson	Scholarship Teacher
· <i>Geography</i>	PERS	Mr Percival	Head of Department
· <i>History</i>	HAMU	Mr Hamilton	Head of Faculty
TECHNOLOGY			
· <i>Graphics</i>	HEYU	Mr Hey	Head of Department

Scholarship Prefects

The Scholarship prefects for 2019 are Rayman Tang, Zi Lin Wang and Isabel Li.

When?

Overview of the Year

The times of intense study will vary according to which Scholarship subject(s) you are entered for. Some will have continual assessments throughout the year and others will require essays periodically. Your Scholarship teacher will probably make you aware of the programme of study for the year so that you can plan your time accordingly. Bear in mind that the final exams will fall at a similar time to your CIE A Level and NCEA Level 3 examinations, so you should plan your revision carefully. In the past, some Scholarship examinations have been timetabled on the same day as CIE A Level examinations. This is not a problem, as long as you plan ahead.

Deadlines and Examination Dates

The payment for Scholarship Examinations will be applied to your school account. You will be able to see the payment entries on the Parent Portal from the 1st of May onwards.

Scholarship Examination fees can be paid through the Parent Portal or at the Accounts office.

The deadline for Scholarship payments to the school is 10 September. Any payments after this have to be made directly to NZQA.

Any payments made after 1 December will incur a late fee of \$50.

Candidates who have not paid their fees in full will be ineligible for a New Zealand Scholarship Award.

When are the Scholarship Examinations?

Scholarship examinations take place in Term 4 and usually run in conjunction with the CIE and NCEA examinations. A copy of the 2019 NZQA Examination Timetable will be made available on the NZQA website.

Refer also to **Appendix A**.

Expectations of a Scholar

Turn up!

If you have signed up to do Scholarship in a particular subject, it is your responsibility to attend **ALL** the tutorials. If you need to miss one for a particular reason, then speak to your teacher *before* the tutorial. Many teachers give up their own time to teach Scholarship so show them the courtesy of informing them if you are not going to make one of their classes and catch up on the work you have missed.

Do the Work!

Although Scholarship is a course that you choose to do, once you have signed up, you need to put in the work. The teachers know the courses well and if they are asking you to complete assignments or past papers, this is because it is vital preparation for the end of year exam. Remember that Scholarship is very similar to university study – you have to take responsibility for your own learning.

Prioritise

There is, obviously, a lot of work involved with Scholarship courses but your CIE A Level and NCEA Level 3 classes come first. Do not let your performance in your other subjects slip because of Scholarship. If you are having difficulties juggling everything, any member of the Scholarship Team will be happy to talk to you, including Mr Coaton (SAS).

Don't Just Drop

If you sign up to do a subject and then change your mind during the year, you cannot simply drop it. First speak to your Scholarship teacher and check that you are making the best decision. If you still want to drop after this, you will need to ask your Scholarship teacher to email Mrs Carlson, Mrs Jackson or Ms Yu to inform them that you are dropping from the Scholarship subject. In the past, students have hastily wanted to drop a Scholarship subject after getting low exam results, only to realise, after discussion with teachers, that they are more capable than they thought. Some of these students have then gone on to get a Scholarship in that subject!

Scholarship Study Room

If you have been given access to this room because you are studying multiple Scholarships then keep it looking tidy. The study room is not an area to socialise in – there is no eating in the room permitted, only work-related talk. If it is not kept looking respectable, it will be locked!

Frequently Asked Questions

How Many Scholarships Should I Study?

How many Scholarship subjects you take is entirely up to you. For those of you who are aiming for a monetary reward, you need to think long and hard about what you want to do and what you *can* do.

Many students happily take on one or two Scholarships in subjects they are really interested or talented in. Some subjects already lend themselves to Scholarship as a lot of the material is already covered in the CIE A Level and NCEA Level 3 course.

If you are considering Scholarship in any number of subjects, the best thing to do is to seek advice from those teachers who run the course. You will be guided by your teachers and those staff on the Scholarship Team. You can always drop or add Scholarships as you go through the year although, obviously, you do not want to pick up a course too late in the year (*you must also be aware of the absolute deadline for "entry or withdrawal" from a Scholarship subject – information will be made available*). If in doubt, give all the subjects you are interested in a go and you can always drop one later in the year, subject to the stipulated entry/withdrawal deadlines.

Top scholars, those of you likely to study three or more Scholarships, are likely to be interviewed by a member of the Scholarship Team early in the year to ensure you are making an informed decision.

What if I Change my Mind Later On?

Do not worry if you change your mind about Scholarship. As the year progresses, you may find the pressure of studying extra subjects and participating in co-curricular activities, especially, around exam time, might become too much for you. If this happens, you can drop a Scholarship subject, **BUT** what we do ask is that you seek advice first, from teachers, the SAS and members of the Scholarship Team. In previous years, we have often found that a little re-prioritisation and extra assistance has helped scholars weather the storm.

When and Where Does Scholarship Happen?

In some cases Scholarship classes happen within the school timetable, especially the core subjects like the Sciences and Mathematics. Other subjects hold tutorials before and after school as well as in non-contact slots that fit both staff and students. The exact Scholarship timetable takes some time to put together at the start of each year and your best source of information remains individual Scholarship teachers. Your teacher will also tell you where they will be holding their tutorial. It is then your responsibility to turn up!

What is the Cost of Scholarship?

NZQA Secondary Education Fees are made up as follows:

Secondary Education Fees	GST inclusive
Domestic student entry per Scholarship subject	\$30 per subject
International student entry per Scholarship subjects	\$102.20 per subject

What if I Fail, Can I Try Again?

Yes. Many of our top scholars come out of Year 12 with Scholarships but others use Year 12 as a practice before tackling a larger number of Scholarships in Year 13. If you do fail you can try again the following year. Also, fails do **NOT** appear on your Record of Achievement so no-one will know!

When Can I Sit Scholarship?

You can begin to sit Scholarship in Year 12 and again in Year 13. If you do choose to take one or more Scholarship subjects in Year 12, you should discuss this decision with one of the Scholarship Team.

Can I Carry Scholarships Over from Year 12 to Year 13?

As much as we would love those of you aiming for 5 Scholarships and monetary reward to be able to do this, it is not allowed. If you are chasing the money then all Scholarships must be gathered in the same sitting. One advantage, however, of sitting a Scholarship early is that it gives you practice in case you want to aim for 5 Scholarships or a Premier Scholarship in that subject the following year.

If it is less about money and more about experience and CV building, it can be a good idea to do Scholarships in one or two subjects in Year 12 and then different or additional subjects in Year 13. A number of students have done this in the past and done particularly well in their final year.

Who Should I See for a Little Advice?

It will depend on what advice you need:

- For subject based problems, your first port of call should be your Scholarship teacher or Head of that subject.
- If it is a more general non-subject specific issue, you can go and see Mrs Carlson in Batten, Mrs Jackson in Mansfield or Ms Yu in Rutherford.
- The SAS are always there to offer help and advice to all students.

2019 NCEA and Scholarship Examination

Timetable – Appendix A

2019 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE					
DATE	TIME	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	SCHOLARSHIP
Fri 8 Nov	9.30 am		Physics	Business Studies	Calculus
	2.00 pm	Geography	German	Dance	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
WEEKEND					
Mon 11 Nov	9.30 am	Biology	Music	Media Studies	Accounting
	2.00 pm	Business Studies	Chemistry	Agricultural & Horticultural Science/ German / Chinese	English
Tues 12 Nov	9.30 am		English		
	2.00 pm	History	Te Reo Māori	Biology	Economics
Wed 13 Nov	9.30 am	English			
	2.00 pm		Media Studies	Home Economics	Statistics
Thurs 14 Nov	9.30 am	Science		Making Music	History
	2.00 pm	Te Reo Māori / Art History	Geography	Chemistry	Te Reo Rangatira
CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY					
WEEKEND					
Mon 18 Nov	9.30 am	Chemistry	Chinese	French	Drama
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies	Health	Economics	
Tues 19 Nov	9.30 am	German	Biology	Geography	
	2.00 pm	Physics	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Japanese
Wed 20 Nov	9.30 am	Mathematics & Statistics			Biology
	2.00 pm		Drama	Physics	Art History
Thurs 21 Nov	9.30 am		Mathematics & Statistics		Classical Studies
	2.00 pm	Music	Accounting	History	French
Fri 22 Nov	9.30 am	Accounting		English	
	2.00 pm	Home Economics	Economics		Geography
WEEKEND					
Mon 25 Nov	9.30 am		History	Health	Physics
	2.00 pm	Te Reo Rangatira / Latin	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Sāmoan	Te Reo Māori / Latin
Tues 26 Nov	9.30 am	French	Business Studies	Calculus	
	2.00 pm	Economics		Accounting	Media Studies
Wed 27 Nov	9.30 am	Media Studies	Earth & Space Science	Drama	Chemistry
	2.00 pm	Sāmoan / Spanish	Japanese	Te Reo Rangatira / Social Studies / Psychology	Sāmoan
Thurs 28 Nov	9.30 am	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	
	2.00 pm	Chinese	Spanish	Earth & Space Science	
Fri 29 Nov	9.30 am	Drama	Social Studies	Music Studies	Spanish
	2.00 pm	Health	Sāmoan / Education for Sustainability	Te Reo Māori / Latin	Chinese
WEEKEND					
Mon 2 Dec	9.30 am	Social Studies	Dance	Art History	Earth & Space Science
	2.00 pm		Classical Studies		German
Tues 3 Dec	9.30 am	Dance	French	Spanish	
	2.00 pm	Japanese	Te Reo Rangatira / Latin	Japanese	