



Tara Scholarships FAQ

Below are some frequently asked questions and answers regarding our general and scholarship processes. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

General Enrolment Questions

- What age can my daughter start? Do you have formal entry points?

Although the school has formal entry points, at Early Learning Centre, Kindergarten, Year 5 and Year 7, it is flexible in its acceptance of new students at other year levels if vacancies are available.

- Is Tara only for clever students?

Tara is academically non-selective at all entry points into the school. We have a focus on well-rounded learning and experiences across academic excellence, sport, performing and creative arts, leadership, debating and Christian service.

- Do you have an open day?

Our Open Day will be held on Saturday 9 March 2019 from 12noon. Join us for a rich and engaging program of events, talk with students and staff, enjoy performances, view and participate in academic and co-curricular displays and activities, and tour the Junior and Senior Schools as well as the Boarding House. Come and experience the vibrancy and essence of our School community.

We also hold Open Mornings throughout the year during term time. We host small groups to visit the school and meet senior staff and students.

For further information about Open Day or enrolments, please contact the Enrolments Office on (02) 9630 6655 or enrol@tara.nsw.edu.au.

- Do you have boarding?

Tara has a Boarding House on campus from Year 5, with students who are full time, part time and casual boarders.

- What are your class sizes?

The student/staff ratio across the school is less than 8 to 1.

Senior school classes generally vary in size from approximately 18 to 24 girls. In Years 11 and 12, in many courses, the classes are much smaller.

Class sizes from Early Learning to Year 2 are approximately 20 students per class. In Years 3-6 each class has between 20 and 24 girls.



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- Do you have a wait list?

There is a strong demand for places at Tara and parents are encouraged to register their daughters as early as possible. The majority of interviews are conducted two years in advance of the year of entry. Please contact the Registrar on (02) 9630 6655 for further information.

Scholarship Questions

- When do applications close?

Monday 25 February 2019 at 4:00pm

- When are portfolios due?

Portfolios need to be submitted online to Tara Anglican School for Girls by Wednesday 27 February 2019 at 4:00pm.

- What time does Scholarship Testing Day commence and conclude?

The Tara Scholarship Day is on Saturday 9 March 2019 and commences at 11:30am and concludes at 2:30pm.

- Am I able to sit for remote scholarship testing if I am not in New South Wales on the scheduled date of testing?

Tara does not offer remote testing.

- Am I able to sit for an alternate scholarship testing day if I am not in New South Wales on the scheduled date of testing?

Tara does not offer alternative testing days.

- Since we applied my daughter has had an injury or illness that prevents her from sitting the exam (eg broken her arm, the flu, twisted her ankle). What can be done to accommodate her?

If your daughter can't write, a scribe can be arranged. Other illnesses – please provide a medical letter detailing the situation and forward it to the School. Every situation will be considered individually, and options provided accordingly.

- We would like to apply for Scholarships. However, we are not Australian residents or citizens. Our daughter, however, attends school in Australia. Is this possible?

Tara scholarships are available to all students studying in Australia.

- What does my daughter need to bring on Scholarship Testing Day?

Please ensure that your daughter's portfolio is submitted to Tara prior to Scholarship Testing Day as this is a requirement of the Scholarship application.



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Candidates need to assemble at Senior School – The Bower Room, no later than 11:20am and your daughter should bring:

- Two HB or B pencils,
- A pencil eraser,
- Two blue or black pens.

Morning tea and a drink will be provided for candidates by the School and Tara staff will be in attendance to assist with supervision. If your daughter has specific dietary needs, please contact the Scholarships Office. Mobile phones and calculators are not permitted in the testing area.

- What are the chances of my daughter being successful?

Applicants being considered vary from year to year, therefore, we cannot predict the outcome of the scholarship testing results. Scholarships are offered based on merit and may be granted at the Principal's discretion. Please note that an application for scholarship at Tara does not guarantee entry to the school as there are limited scholarships available each year.

- When do I have an interview at Tara?

Only applicants who are successful in being offered a scholarship will be invited to an interview with the Principal.

- What are you looking for in the portfolio?

A template will be provided on the Tara website to assist you in developing this portfolio.

- What are the selection criteria for Scholarships?

There are a number of selection criteria across all scholarships, including performance in the scholarship academic testing and scholarship portfolio outlining the co-curricular profile of the candidate. Please note for some scholarships, you will be asked to provide additional and specific evidence of achievements or supporting documentation, see below.

Tara Foundation Scholarships

- Will we be required to supply financial information?

Tara Foundation Scholarships are means-tested. Your 2017-18 tax returns (or equivalent) will be required at the time of the portfolio submission. See the Tara website for additional forms and requirements.

Tara Boarding Scholarships

- Will we be required to meet a certain criteria?

Tara Boarding Scholarships are from Years 7-11 entry. We ask that you include evidence of your home address in the scholarship portfolio submission to establish you live in a rural or regional area. See the Tara website for the portfolio link.



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Music Scholarships

- What are the additional selection criteria for Music Scholarships?

In addition to the selection criteria of the academic testing and portfolio submission, we are looking for a music standard that is a minimum of:

Piano: Grade 6 or above (AMEB, Trinity or equivalent examination). Please supply evidence of this achievement.

OR

Oboe, bassoon, viola, double bass, French horn, trombone, tuba, percussion or voice at a sufficiently high standard (AMEB, Trinity or equivalent). Please supply evidence of this achievement.

OR

All Other Instruments: Grade 4 or above (AMEB, Trinity or equivalent). Please supply evidence of this achievement.

See the Tara website for additional forms and requirements due by Wednesday 27 February 2019.

- When will the music auditions be held?

Music auditions will be held at Tara Anglican School for Girls on Wednesday 6 March 2019. If your daughter is short listed, her performance time and other information will be provided to you.

- How many pieces will my daughter need to prepare for the audition if short listed?

Two contrasting pieces of no longer than five minutes per piece. If your daughter is strong in two instruments we would welcome a piece on each instrument.