RedGum

THE WALDORF SCHOOL OF CENTRAL VICTORIA

FOUNDATIONS FOR WISDOM

Merit-based Based Scholarship Information & Application Form

Introduction

RedGum – the Waldorf School of Central Victoria, is committed to nurturing each child's unique capacities and supporting families who value the pursuit of excellence within a holistic, Waldorf-inspired education. Our Merit-Based Scholarships recognize students who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievement in any area of merit, including academic endeavour creative expression, environmental and sustainability initiatives, or leadership within a school or wider community.

These scholarships provide an opportunity for families who wish to support their children to strive for excellence, while contributing to a vibrant and thriving school community that celebrates diverse talents and meaningful contributions.

RedGum is offering a number of partly or fully subsidised places to eligible applicants of new families to the school, who would otherwise not have the opportunity to enrol due. RedGum scholarships run year-round for Kindergarten to Class 7 and applications can be made at any time following a successful enrolment process.

The scholarship provides a tuition fee subsidy for eligible students of new families to the school, subject to the conditions set out below. In most cases, ancillary fees and charges such as camps and excursions will be the responsibility of parents/guardians.

Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible for a RedGum merit-based scholarship, applicants must meet the following conditions:

1. Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
2. Have successfully completed the enrolment process at RedGum as a new family entering the school.
3. Provide clear evidence of demonstrated merit, including evidence from previous schools/community organisations.
4. Demonstrated commitment to the principles of Steiner/Waldorf education and RedGum; this is also expected from parents / guardians of applicants.

Existing scholarship holders may submit a new application at the conclusion of their current scholarship period, where applicable.

How applications will be assessed?

Our aim is to maintain a balanced approach, ensuring the most effective use of our resources while upholding our commitment to educational excellence and social equity.

All applications will be assessed by the RedGum Scholarship panel, who will determine the final number of scholarships to be awarded by taking into consideration the following:

- The above stated eligibility conditions
- The quantity of applications across different year levels and the ability of the class and teachers to meet the students' educational needs

Once scholarship applications have been assessed applicants will be notified via email regardless of the outcome. Assessments are expected to be completed within four school weeks of a received application.

How to apply?

All applications will be strictly confidential. To apply please complete the application form and attach a copy of your eligible concession card and submit;

By email to: traceyr@RedGum.vic.edu.au

By mail to: Attention Tracey Robertson (Private & Confidential)
RedGum
PO Box 473
Castlemaine
VIC 3450

How can I find out more?

If you have any questions about the School, scholarships or the application process, please contact our Enrolments Officer on (03) 5479 2000 or email traceyr@RedGum.vic.edu.au

Scholarship Application Form

One form to be completed per child.

STUDENT DETAILS	Surname		First name	
Date of Birth			Gender	
Current School			Current Year Level	
How long has the student been attending their current school?				
Expected commencement date			Commencement Year Level	
FAMILY DETAILS	Parent/Guardian 1 – Primary		Parent/Guardian 2	
Title				
Surname				
Given Names				
Relationship to Child				
Residential Address				
Contact Phone				
Email Address				
Child Lives With:	Parent/Guardian 1	Parent/Guardian 2	Or Both	

Eligibility

Our scholarship program provides partly or fully subsidised places to eligible applicants who strive for excellence and demonstrate a strong dedication to their learning journey.

Please confirm the applicant meets each of the following eligibility conditions.			
Australian citizen or permanent resident	YES/NO	Has successfully completed the RedGum enrolment process	YES/NO
What level of assistance are you applying for? Please note 75% to 100% will require evidence of significant financial need which may include ATO Notices of Assessment, Centrelink statements, and information relating to current financial hardship circumstances			
25%	50%	75%	100%
Area of Merit			
Please indicate the primary area in which the applicant demonstrates excellence or strong commitment (check one or more)			
☐ Academic Endeavour	☐ Creative Expression	☐ Environment & Sustainability Initiatives	
☐ Leadership in School or Community	☐ Other (please specify):		

Student Statement (Year 4 and above)

In the students' own words, please describe your interest, achievements, or commitment in the areas selected above (approximately 100-200 words)

If the student will have trouble writing this letter, please contact the School to discuss your concerns and we may be able to arrange an in-person meeting instead.

Parent/Guardian Statement

Please share why you believe your child is a strong candidate for this Merit-Based Scholarship. As part of your response please outline:

- How and why you see your child as being a good fit for our school
- How you see your family values aligning with the principles of Steiner/Waldorf education

Scholarship Terms and Conditions

1. Application Requirements

- Families must formally apply for a scholarship via the RedGum Scholarship Application Form.
- Assessment of eligibility and any offer of a scholarship is made solely at the discretion of the RedGum Scholarships Panel.
- Scholarships may be awarded to students from Kindergarten to Class 7, depending on availability and panel recommendations.

2. Attendance Expectations

- Students must maintain a minimum school attendance rate of 80% throughout the scholarship period, unless there is an independent learning plan or absence is because of medically certified illness.
- Repeated, unexplained, or prolonged absences may result in a review of the student's eligibility for continued scholarship support.
- Parents/guardians must notify the school of any absences in accordance with school policies.

3. Behaviour and Conduct Requirements

- Scholarship holders are bound by the same rules, responsibilities, and rights as all other students at RedGum.
- Students must demonstrate consistent adherence to the school's Four Pillars of Expected Behaviour:
    - *Be respectful and polite*
    - *Be ready to learn, actively engage in learning and allow others to learn*
    - *Be safe and look after school property and resources*
    - *Follow instructions given by school staff members*
- Significant or repeated breaches of behaviour expectations may lead to a review or withdrawal of the scholarship.

4. Parent/Guardian Commitments

- Parents/guardians agree to support and uphold all RedGum policies, procedures, and behaviour expectations.
- Parents/guardians acknowledge and respect the authority of school leadership and agree to support decisions made by the leadership team.
- Actions that undermine school policies or leadership decisions may affect the continuation of the scholarship.

5. Ongoing Eligibility, Review, and Termination

- The school reserves the right to review scholarship status at any time if concerns arise regarding attendance, behaviour, or adherence to school expectations.
- A scholarship may be terminated by the school in the event of a serious breach of RedGum Policies or Codes of Conduct by the student or their parents/guardians, or if the family's account falls into default in accordance with the Fee Retrieval Policy.
- Scholarships may also be suspended or withdrawn if any other Terms and Conditions are not met.

6. Enrolment and Fee Liability Condition

- Continued eligibility for the scholarship is dependent on the student remaining enrolled until the completion of Term 3 each academic year throughout the duration of the scholarship.
- If a student withdraws, or their enrolment is otherwise terminated, prior to the commencement of Term 3 in any given year, the parent(s)/guardian(s) agree to be liable for one term's tuition fees.

7. Confidentiality

- RedGum seeks to protect the privacy of all participants of its Scholarship program. We request the enrolment status of all recipients of scholarships to be confidential throughout the application stage and for the duration of the student's enrolment at the school. We also request all recipients of scholarships to refrain from disclosure in relation to scholarship status.

8. Acknowledgment and Agreement

- By accepting the scholarship, both the student and the parent/guardian acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agree to comply with these Terms and Conditions.

Declaration

I/we declare that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge, and that I/we have read and understood the terms and conditions.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ___ / ___ / ____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicable): _____ Date: ___ / ___ / ____

Office Use Only

Application Received: ___/___/____

Reviewed By: _____

Outcome: ☐ Approved ☐ Not Approved

Scholarship Duration: _____

Scholarship Percentage: _____%