




**KOROWAL
SCHOOL**

**Academic
SCHOLARSHIPS
2026**



We acknowledge and pay
our respects to the Dharug
and Gundungurra people, the
traditional custodians of the land on
which we work and learn, extending
our respect to elders past, present
and emerging.



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EMPOWER, INSPIRE

Why do we exist?

Our Mission

We empower & inspire learners to develop their unique strengths.

What do we do?

Our Vision

Relationships are central to who we are. We connect ideas and people to actively develop learner agency and empathy.

What guides our actions?

Our Values

Care | Curiosity | Challenge |
Creativity | Collaboration

2026 Academic Scholarships

Korowal School is an independent, secular, and co-educational school with programmes from Kindergarten to Year 12. Our School name, 'Korowal', is an Aboriginal word meaning 'to stand alone', or 'the strong one'.

Founded in 1978 in Leura, Korowal School was based around a human-centred philosophy. Within this, we consider that all human beings are of equal worth and capable of reason. We believe that each of us possesses a capacity to solve problems for ourselves in order to flourish. We continue to hold these as core principles today and our values are important to us.

The aspects of education at Korowal which attract many, include:

- Relationship-based teaching and learning
- A focus on creativity, critical thinking and problem solving
- Our Oracy programme which places the child's voice at the centre
- Forging deeper connections to Country
- Inclusive programming and curriculum
- Small class sizes
- A beautiful, natural bush setting
- Exciting and varied co-curricular programme in high school

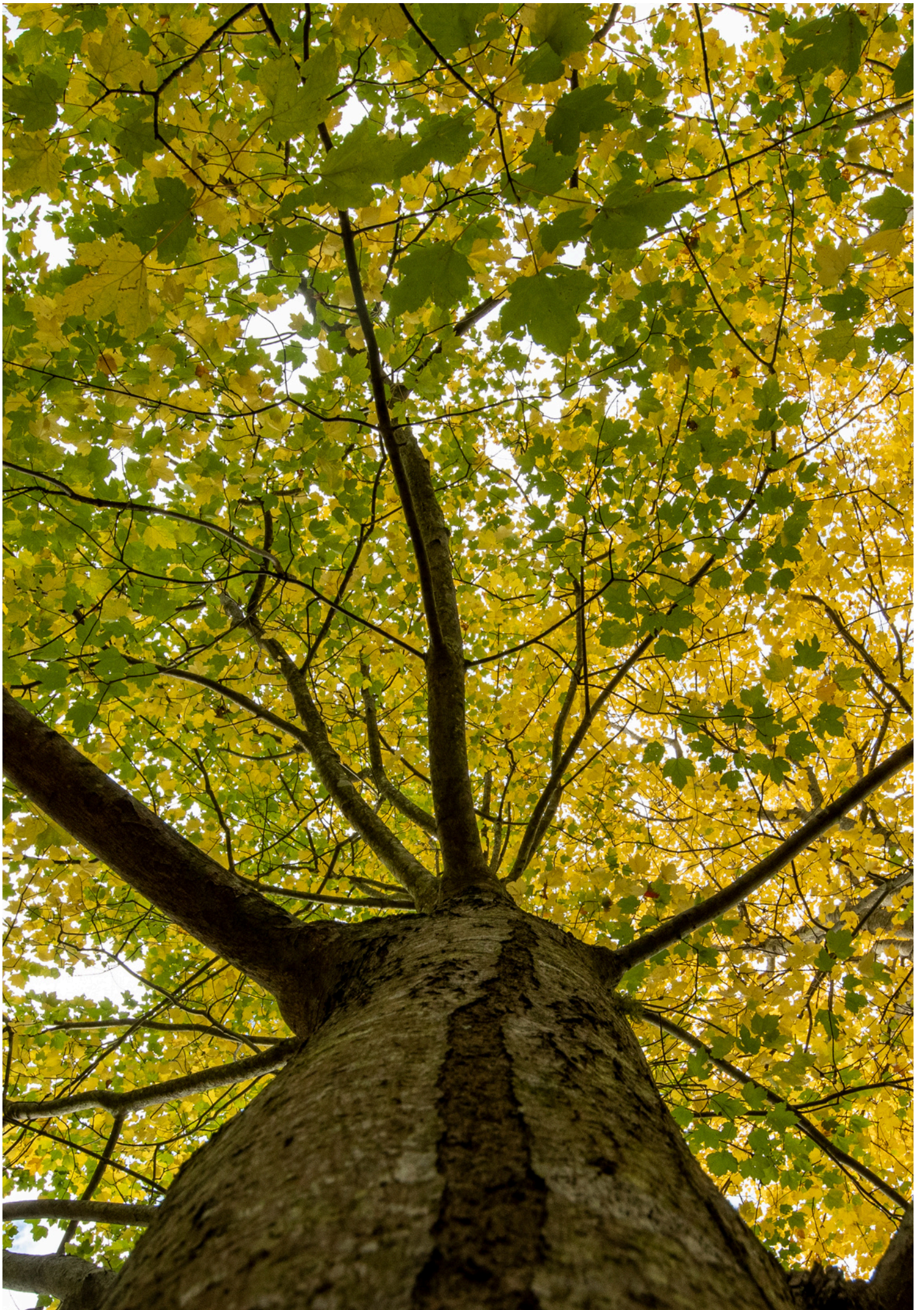
To be considered for an Academic Scholarship for 2026, you must complete the ACER Scholarship Test. The ACER Scholarship Test will be held at Korowal School on **Saturday, March 22 at 8.45am**.

Based on the ACER Scholarship Test, previous academic record, and an interview with the Scholarship Committee for shortlisted applicants, scholarships may be offered to students who exhibit qualities compatible with Korowal School's values.

Applications for our 2026 Scholarships will close on **Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 5pm**. Students entering Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11* in 2026 are eligible to apply. *Please note that Year 11 begins in Week 5, Term 4, 2025.

We will be offering scholarships with up to 25% fee reduction (to be determined on an individual basis).

The duration of the scholarship will typically be for three years. For example, a Year 7 scholarship will be awarded until the end of Year 9 and a Year 10 scholarship until the end of Year 12. A Year 11 scholarship will be awarded until the graduation at the end of Year 12.



Application Process

1. Registration for the Korowal School Academic Scholarship Program must be completed online via the [ACER Scholarship website](#).
2. **Registrations must be submitted by Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 5pm.** There is a fee of \$140 per child to register. The fee allows students to register for as many of the categories as they would like in the 2025 Scholarship Test.
3. Applicants will need to complete the Korowal Academic Scholarship Application Form (attached) and email it to scholarships@korowal.nsw.edu.au by **Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 5pm.**
4. Applicants sit the ACER Scholarship Test at Korowal School on **Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 8:45am.**
5. Upon review of test results and the Korowal Academic Scholarship Application Form, applicants may be invited to attend an interview with the scholarship committee.
6. The applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee.
7. Applicants (successful and unsuccessful) will be notified following the interview period.

The regular Korowal School enrolment process would then proceed for the successful candidate/s. This includes interviews with the Year Mentor, or Stage Advisor, and completion of all enrolment processes in line with the School's policies and procedures. The receipt of a Korowal Scholarship is dependent on completion and acceptance of the enrolment process and being issued a letter of offer of enrolment.

Details of ACER Scholarship Test

On the day of testing, students need to arrive and report by 8.45am to the school Hall. Students will be escorted into the examination by our supervisors. Testing will be finished by 12 noon. Please collect your child promptly at 12 noon.

Latecomers may only be admitted during breaks between tests. If you are late and miss a test, you forfeit the opportunity to sit the test at Korowal School as we are not offering additional test dates.

We will provide your child with pens/pencils and erasers. You should ensure that your child has warm clothing, covered shoes, several adequate snacks and drinks to ensure the comfort of your



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child during the examination and breaks. Mobile phones, bags and any additional equipment/property must be submitted at the door.

What's included in the Korowal Application Form?

Applicants are required to submit the following parts of the application, each of which will demonstrate how they exemplify the school's values.

- **PART 1.** Personal Information
- **PART 2.** School records, such as school reports and NAPLAN
- **PART 3.** Personal statement
- **PART 4.** A letter of recommendation from an external community member (who knows your passions)
- **PART 5.** A letter of recommendation from a teacher who knows you well



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2026 Academic Scholarship Application Form

PART 1. Personal information

Student Details

Full name: _____

Preferred name: _____

Preferred pronoun: She/He/They _____

Date of birth: _____

Home address: _____

Contact email: _____

Contact phone: _____

Present school: _____

Number of years attending current school: _____

School address: _____

Head of school: _____

Previous School: _____

Number of years attending previous school: _____

Previous school address: _____

Previous Head of school: _____



LEARNER ATTRIBUTES

Korowal learners:

- Listen and act compassionately
- Communicate confidently
- Seek mastery to grow
- Adventure into the unknown
- Live with integrity and make informed decisions





Family Details

Parent / Guardian 1.

Last Name: _____ Given Name/s: _____

Home Ph: _____ Mobile: _____

Business Phone _____ Email: _____

Level of education: _____

Parent / Guardian 2.

Last Name: _____ Given Name/s: _____

Home Ph: _____ Mobile: _____

Business Phone _____ Email: _____

Level of education: _____

Address Information

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Post Code: _____



PART 2. Enclose relevant school records/reports with this application. *(Current Korowal students do not need to submit records/reports)*

PART 3. Personal statement

To be completed by the applicant. Applicants may type or handwrite.

1. How do you model kindness and respect in your life?

2. Tell us about yourself as a learner. What are your strengths and areas for growth?



3. Please give details on special achievements that you would like Korowal School to know about.

4. How would an education at Korowal make a difference to you?

5. What are your aspirations and goals as a student and how would you ensure you achieved success working towards these goals at Korowal School?



6. How did you hear about this scholarship opportunity? Website, newspaper, word of mouth, social media.

Applicant's statement

I certify that the information given in this application is complete, authentic and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If awarded the scholarship, I agree to comply with any expectations set by Korowal School and to contribute to and support the school to the best of my ability.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____



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PART 4. A letter of recommendation from an external community member (someone who knows your passions). To be completed by a person over 18 years old from the community, such as someone who knows the applicant well through their school or community group or otherwise.

To the referee: You are invited to write a 300-word letter of recommendation for this applicant. We would like to know your relationship with the applicant, how long you have known them and your assessment of their characteristics including how well they work with others, respectful behaviour, creativity, and other areas of interest.

Please rate the student according to his/her/their demonstration of the following skills and attributes:

	Below average	Average - Above average	Outstanding
Curiosity			
Creativity			
Persistence			
Peer relationships			
Adult relationships			
Respectful behaviour			
Self confidence			

We appreciate your information about this applicant. **Please note: this is a confidential reference.** The letter of recommendation and completed table is therefore to be directly emailed to scholarships@korowal.nsw.edu.au

You may be contacted by Korowal School during the selection process.

Please include your full name:

Professional title or position:

Telephone:

Email Address:

Full name of student:



PART 5: Letter of Recommendation - Teacher

To be completed by a teacher who is most knowledgeable about the applicant's personal qualities and creativity.

Please rate the student according to his/her/their demonstration of the following skills and attributes:

	Below average	Average - Above average	Outstanding
Curiosity			
Creativity			
Persistence			
Peer relationships			
Adult relationships			
Respectful behaviour			
Self confidence			

To the applicant's teacher:

We appreciate your information about this applicant. **Please note: this is a confidential reference.** The letter of recommendation and completed table is therefore to be directly emailed to scholarships@korowal.nsw.edu.au

You may be contacted by Korowal School during the selection process.

Please include your full name:

Professional title or position:

Telephone:

Email Address:

Full name of student:

Scholarship Application Checklist

To help you with the application process please use this checklist to ensure that your application is complete. Only complete applications will be considered by the Selection Committee.

Your application will be considered complete with the following:

- Fully completed Korowal Academic Scholarship Application Form with personal and parent details
- School Records (Korowal students do not need to include school records)
- Personal Statement
- *Letter of Recommendation from Community Member
- *Letter of Recommendation from School Teacher

*We will let you know via email once the letters of recommendation have been received.

This form must be completed and returned to Korowal School via email scholarships@korowal.nsw.edu.au or handed in to the School Office by Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 5pm.

Acknowledgement of Country

Korowal School acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land, the Gundungurra and Darug peoples and their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this region.

More Information

For further information on Korowal School please visit our website www.korowal.nsw.edu.au; email us at scholarships@korowal.nsw.edu.au or call the school office on 4758 7466.



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