



THE MANZONI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

1. Rationale

The Manzoni Scholarship Program is established by the Marco Polo - The Italian School of Sydney, and aims to encourage and recognise students in their pursuit of excellence in Italian language learning.

The Manzoni Scholarship Program is intended to provide students with the financial support to further their education in learning Italian as well as reward achievement and effort.

The Scholarship program honours Alessandro Manzoni (1785-1873), an Italian writer and poet. His most famous literary work "I Promessi Sposi" (The Betrothed), published in 1827 remains a fundamental milestone in the development of the modern Italian language.

Students who receive scholarships will have demonstrated exemplary character and will share the values of our school community and passion for Italian language and culture. These students will exhibit qualities such as integrity, leadership, initiative and personal responsibility in their study of Italian.

The Scholarships entitle the holder to the full or part remission of tuition fees for one calendar year of studies at the school. Scholarships do not cover any costs associated with textbooks, excursions or event fees.

2. Scholarship Categories

The Marco Polo Language School may offer a number of scholarships each semester, not exceeding a total of TEN (10) awards per calendar year to:

- a. One or more students in Kindergarten or Year 1 who displays an attitude for Italian language and culture, particularly if the student is of Italian descent.
- b. One or more students enrolled in any primary or secondary education institution (i.e. K-12 weekday school) who has achieved overall pleasing results or an award in Italian, English or another language.
- c. One or more Year 11-12 students who display a Special Talent.



- d. One or more K-12 students from low socio-economic backgrounds, particularly those who receive Centrelink income support payments such as ABSTUDY, Austudy, Youth Allowance, Newstart Allowance, Disability Support Pension, Parenting Payment (Single) or the Carer Payment who can demonstrate an educational disadvantage.
- e. One or more K-12 students from a newly arrived family from Italy, enrolled in a primary or secondary school which does not offer Italian as a language of study.

3. Awarding of the Scholarship

Each scholarship within The Manzoni Scholarship Program is awarded in the first instance for undertaking a course at the Marco Polo - The Italian School of Sydney, subject to:

- Exemplary conduct and attendance over 70% rate per semester;
- Consistent satisfactory academic performance in Italian;
- Excellent work ethic as demonstrated throughout the duration of the course;
- Actively being involved at school functions and events;

To be considered for a Scholarship, students must also complete an enrolment form to a standard course, available from www.cnansw.org.au/marcopolo. Enrolment may be withdrawn should a Scholarship not be awarded to a student. Students applying for a Scholarship will be asked to attend an interview with the Head Teacher.

Definitions

Kindergarten to Year 1 Scholarship

Entitles the student to the remission of tuition fees (whole or part*) for a student in Kindergarten or Year 1 who has demonstrated since an early age an aptitude for Italian language and culture. Applicants must support their application with a 200 word supporting statement. Information may include previous mastery of spoken language, appreciation of cultural aspects of Italy and of Italian way of life as they apply to the student.

Primary/Secondary Student Scholarship

Entitles the K-12 student to the remission of tuition fees (whole or part*) for a student enrolled in any primary or secondary weekday school and who has already overall pleasing results or an award in Italian, English or another language. Applicants must support their application with a copy of the latest applicant's weekday school report and a 200 word supporting statement, detailing how the scholarship will assist the student in educational pursuits and personal growth.



Special Talent Scholarship

Entitles the Year 1-12 student to the remission of tuition fees (whole or part*) for a student of outstanding aptitude in a specific area. Applicants must support their application with a reference from an accredited organisation or reputable person in their area of talent. Awarding this scholarship is subject to the discretion of the Coordinator of Learning.

Educational Disadvantage Scholarship (satisfy at least one of the following)

- a. Entitles the K-12 student to the remission of tuition fees (whole or part*) for a student experiencing **English language difficulty** due to their non-English speaking background, experiences difficulties that affect their ability to study and/or came to Australia from a non-English speaking country within the last five year.
- b. Entitles the K-12 student to the remission of tuition fees (whole or part*) for a student **experiencing Financial hardship** a person currently receiving a Centrelink (or other Commonwealth) means-tested income support payment (such as a Disability Support Pension, Parenting Payment (Single) or Carer Payment).
- c. Entitles the K-12 student to the remission of tuition fees (whole or part*) for a student who identifies as an **Indigenous Australian**, is of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, identifies as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or is accepted as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in the community in which they live or have lived.
- d. Entitles the K-12 student to the remission of tuition fees (whole or part*) for a student who is recognised as having **Refugee status** as a refugee, on a Global Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 202), or was granted either of the above by the Australian Government after arriving in Australia.

Charitable Purposes Requirements

According to the Charitable Purposes of the school, a provision of money for scholarship, bursaries or prizes:

- a. May be awarded to Australian citizens, humanitarian visa holders or permanent residents of Australia, within the meaning of the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* (Cth); and



- b. It is open to individuals or groups of individuals throughout Australia, an entire state or territory, or region of at least 200,000 people.
- c. Promote recipients' education in schools, colleges and/or other educational programs and establishments of the school in Australia, or in educational institutions overseas by studying a component that is part of an Australian preschool, primary, secondary or tertiary course.
- d. Are awarded on merit or for reasons of equity.

Duration of Scholarships

Scholarships awarded at the beginning of each school semester will continue until the completion of the semester for which they are awarded. All scholarships will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. Students must maintain the results expected of a scholarship recipient. Any scholarship recipient whose review has been unsatisfactory may have their scholarship withdrawn. Parents will receive written correspondence throughout the process of reviewing.

Conditions of Scholarship

Families with overdue fees (current and previous) will be ineligible to receive a scholarship. Families with unpaid fees in the current year may have the scholarship withdrawn unless unpaid fees are paid by the end of the relevant Term. A review of fees will be conducted every semester.

If a family has any outstanding fees prior to the above, they must be on an active payment plan to reduce any outstanding amounts. Any default will result in cancellation of the scholarship for the current year.

Lodgement of Application

Notice of scholarships being offered will be advertised on an ongoing basis through various publications including any School newsletter, email and social media update and on the School website. All students must lodge a Scholarship application form.

Disclaimer

All Scholarships are granted or withdrawn at the discretion of the school. Marco Polo - The Italian School of Sydney reserves the right to make changes to this policy at the school's sole discretion.



HOW TO APPLY

To apply please complete and return the following documentation to the school via email to learning@cnansw.org.au:

- a. Complete a standard enrolment form available from the Marco Polo - The Italian School of Sydney website: www.cnansw.org.au/marcopolo.
- b. Print out and complete *The Manzoni Scholarship Program Application Form*.
- c. Copy of the latest applicant's weekday school report (Primary and Secondary Students)
- d. A statement detailing information about the applicant's academic achievements and/or information supporting the potential contribution of the applicant to the goals of the Marco Polo - The Italian School of Sydney and/or the requirements of the chosen scholarship category (See space provided in the Application Form)
- e. Copy of documents required to support an application for Educational Disadvantage Scholarship, including Centrelink income statements or supporting documentations.

Submit your completed application and all supporting documents via email to learning@cnansw.org.au. **No paper applications are accepted.**

Closing dates for scholarship applications are 7 days prior to the commencement of the study periods in January and July of every year.

Check our website www.cnansw.org.au and/or our Facebook page for the latest information. You can contact our offices on (02) 8786 0888 during business hours, Mon-Fri, 09:00-15:00.



MANZONI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – APPLICATION FORM

Student Details:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Middle Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Day School Name: _____ Year Group: _____

Country of Birth: _____ Year of Arrival in Australia: _____

Category of Scholarship applying for: _____

Parent/Guardian Details:

Father's Full Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Details for Correspondence:

Address: _____ Suburb: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____ Email: _____

Telephone Day Time: _____ Mobile: _____

Supporting Statement:

What are your reasons for applying for the scholarship? Comment on how the applicant fulfils the rationale and criteria of the Manzoni Scholarship Program. **(Please fill in every line on pp. 6-7 to give strength to your application).**
