




**KOROWAL  
SCHOOL**

**Creative Arts  
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 Creative Arts 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.

Korowal School welcomes current students and new applicants who model our school values to apply. This scholarship programme aims to strengthen and enhance the creativity the school is renowned for.

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.

### Scholarship Criteria

In applying for a scholarship, applicants are expected to fulfil the following criteria:

- How they exemplify Korowal's ethos, values and practices.
- A particular creative passion and interest that they wish to pursue at Korowal.
- A commitment to contributing to their community.
- How a Korowal education can make a difference to their life and their community.

Applicants are invited to submit the following parts of the application, each of which will demonstrate how they exemplify the above qualities:

- **PART 1.** Personal Information
- **PART 2.** School records (current Korowal students do not need to submit records/reports)
- **PART 3.** Personal statement
- **PART 4.** A letter of recommendation from an external community member (for example,



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dance/music teacher, someone who knows your passions).

- **PART 5.** A letter of recommendation from a teacher who knows you well.
- **PART 6.** A portfolio (4-6 pieces) of work that demonstrates your creativity or music/drama audition of 20 minutes for shortlisted candidates.

### Application Process

1. Parts 1-6 are to be submitted via email to [scholarships@korowal.nsw.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@korowal.nsw.edu.au) by **Wednesday, 12 March, 2025 at 5pm**. Drama/music applicants will be invited to participate in an audition for Part 6 by appointment.
2. Applicants will then be invited to attend an interview with the Scholarship Committee.
3. The applications will be reviewed by the School Executive.
4. Applicants (successful and unsuccessful) will be notified following the interview.
5. The regular 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 paperwork, policies and procedures. The receipt of a Korowal Scholarship is dependent on completion and acceptance of the enrolment process.



# LEARNER ATTRIBUTES

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## **Korowal learners:**

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





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## 2026 Creative Arts Scholarship Application Form

### PART 1. Personal information

#### Student Details

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred pronoun: She/He/They \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_



### 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. Please describe your involvement in the creative arts and the areas of the arts you are passionate about.

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

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

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

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

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

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**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:** \_\_\_\_\_



**PART 4. A letter of recommendation from an external community member (e.g. art/dance/music teacher, 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 creativity, persistence, organisational skills, how well they work with others, respectful behaviour, leadership, and self-confidence.

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

	Below average	Average - Above average	Outstanding
Curiosity			
Creativity			
Persistence			
Peer relationships			
Adult relationships			
Respectful behaviour			
Leadership			
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](mailto: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:

Student's full name:



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## **PART 5: Letter of Recommendation - Teacher**

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

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To the applicant's teacher:

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## PART 6: Portfolio submission / Audition

### Visual Arts Portfolio

Visual Arts applicants will need to present a portfolio containing at least four examples of artwork via email: [scholarships@korowal.nsw.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@korowal.nsw.edu.au) or to the school office by **Wednesday, 12th March at 5pm**. This may include work produced at school, at home, or at art classes, and may include 4D as well as 2D work. In addition, you may submit a Visual Diary or write a statement of up to 100 words about your interest in art.

The school will retain the artworks for 4-6 weeks after the Scholarship application deadline at which time they can be collected from the school office.

In accepting a Creative Arts Scholarship at Korowal, students are expected to take Visual Arts as an elective subject in Years 9 and 10 or Pathways (depending on the scholarship awarded) and to contribute to the artistic life of the school.

### Music Audition

Short listed applicants for a Music Scholarship will be asked to attend an audition to be held at the school where they will be asked to perform before a small panel. The audition shall take approximately twenty minutes and will consist of the following sections:

1. The performance of two pieces on the student's first instrument (including voice) that are contrasting, both in mood and in period of composition. Not more than 10 minutes total. If the student has a second instrument, they may choose to play one of those pieces on that instrument instead.
2. The vocal performance of a short song of the student's choice (e.g. "Happy Birthday" or something more complicated) either unaccompanied or with backing accompaniment. This does not need to be polished, it is just to demonstrate the ability to perceive pitch. In the case of students whose first instrument is voice, they will be required to play two major scales on their second instrument.
3. Sight reading a short piece on the student's main instrument (including vocalists).
4. A few simple ear tests (similar in type in the AMEB/Trinity College exams) including rhythmic memory, simple/compound time identification, melody echo (vocal), major/minor chord identification, singing the higher or lower note of two notes played together.
5. Two major scales as follows. One of student's choice, one of the panel's choice.
  - Year 6 and 7 Scholarship: up to 3 sharps or flats
  - Year 10 and 11 Scholarship: up to 5 sharps or flats

[If the instrument is piano, these should be hands together, similar motion]

6. A short discussion about the candidate's musical interests, what they might contribute to the school community, etc.



**Equipment:**

A piano, drum kit, amplifier and laptop (for mp3 playback etc) will be available for use at the audition.

**Accompaniment:**

Applicants should provide their own accompanist or mp3 backing track (on USB drive) as required. Please note that Staff at the school will not be available to provide accompaniment.

In accepting a Creative Arts Scholarship at Korowal, students are expected to take Music as an elective subject in Years 9 and 10 or Year 11 or 12 (depending on the scholarship awarded) and to contribute to the musical life of the school and public events (School Cabaret, Open Day, Korowal Fair, community events etc)

**Drama Portfolio & Audition**

Drama applicants will take part in a number of theatre activities / games and perform a short script that will be provided in advance. Auditions will be held by appointment.

In accepting a Creative Arts Scholarship at Korowal, students are expected to take Drama as an elective subject in Years 9 and 10 or Year 11 or 12) (depending on the year the scholarship is awarded) and to contribute to the artistic life of the school at school and public events (Drama Performances, School Cabaret, School Fair, community events etc).

## 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 Scholarship Committee.

Your application will be considered complete with the following:

- Fully completed 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
- Visual Arts Portfolio (if applicable)

\*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](mailto:scholarships@korowal.nsw.edu.au) or handed in to the School Office by Wednesday, 12th March, 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](http://www.korowal.nsw.edu.au); email us at [scholarships@korowal.nsw.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@korowal.nsw.edu.au) or call the school office on 4758 7466.



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