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New grammar school principal promotes success and diversity with 27 scholarships

24 Academic Scholarships - open across the community

3 Greek-origin scholarships - on economic need and values

St Andrew's Grammar School principal, Craig Monaghan, has marked his recent appointment with the announcement of 27 scholarships.

Monaghan recently joined the Dianella-based school, that is strongly based in Hellenic traditions, from his previous role as executive principal and founding head of Nanwai Kings' College in Wuxi, 130 kilometres west of Shanghai.

Applications for 24 academic and three Greek-origin scholarships are now open at St Andrew's until January 28.

Monaghan says he realises many parents may well have finalised enrolments for the new school year, but he believes the scholarships will have strong appeal.

"I want to open up this fantastic school to deserving families, especially those who might not have previously considered a private school education was within their reach," Monaghan said.

"We are a school which focusses on academic excellence while ensuring quality holistic education. As such we will be working hard to enhance further opportunities for our students outside of the class. We uphold our Hellenic origins, teachings and values, and I believe a diverse school community benefits everyone. I want families from all walks of life to apply."

Monaghan believes the unique blend of small pupil numbers and classes and passionate staff deliver an ideal environment for academic excellence.

"It is my intention to turn this school, which already highly values academic excellence, into one of the highest performing schools in the state," he said.

"We are different from many of the big private schools. We are a small school which prides itself on knowing every individual and their strengths and areas of need - this contributes significantly to the quality of teaching and academic performance.

"And we're more than just a school; we're at the heart of a very tight community of families," Monaghan said.

For further information and to interview the Principal:

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Background: Academic Scholarships

There will be 24 scholarships available to the broader local community on an academic basis as follows:

- 6 at 75% of tuition fees (for 2 years) – top 5% of age cohort
- 6 at 60% (for 2 years) – top 15% of age cohort
- 6 at 50% (for 2 years) – top 25% of age cohort
- 6 at 40% (for 2 years) – top 35% of age cohort

The school would also like to hear from those prospective students who may not comply with these academic requirements, however, are attracted to the school ethos and can demonstrate alignment with its values and a commitment to improve their academic performance.

Background: Needs Based Scholarships for Greek origin families

Discrete from the academic scholarships, applications are also now being accepted for scholarships amongst the Greek-origin community on a needs and values basis.

These will be set at 75% of tuition fees.

For information

Information, including selection criteria and application processes are available from Ms Nicki Cahill, on 9376 5850 or enrolments@sag.wa.edu.au