

*Rural Scholarships*  
**Information for  
Rural Families**



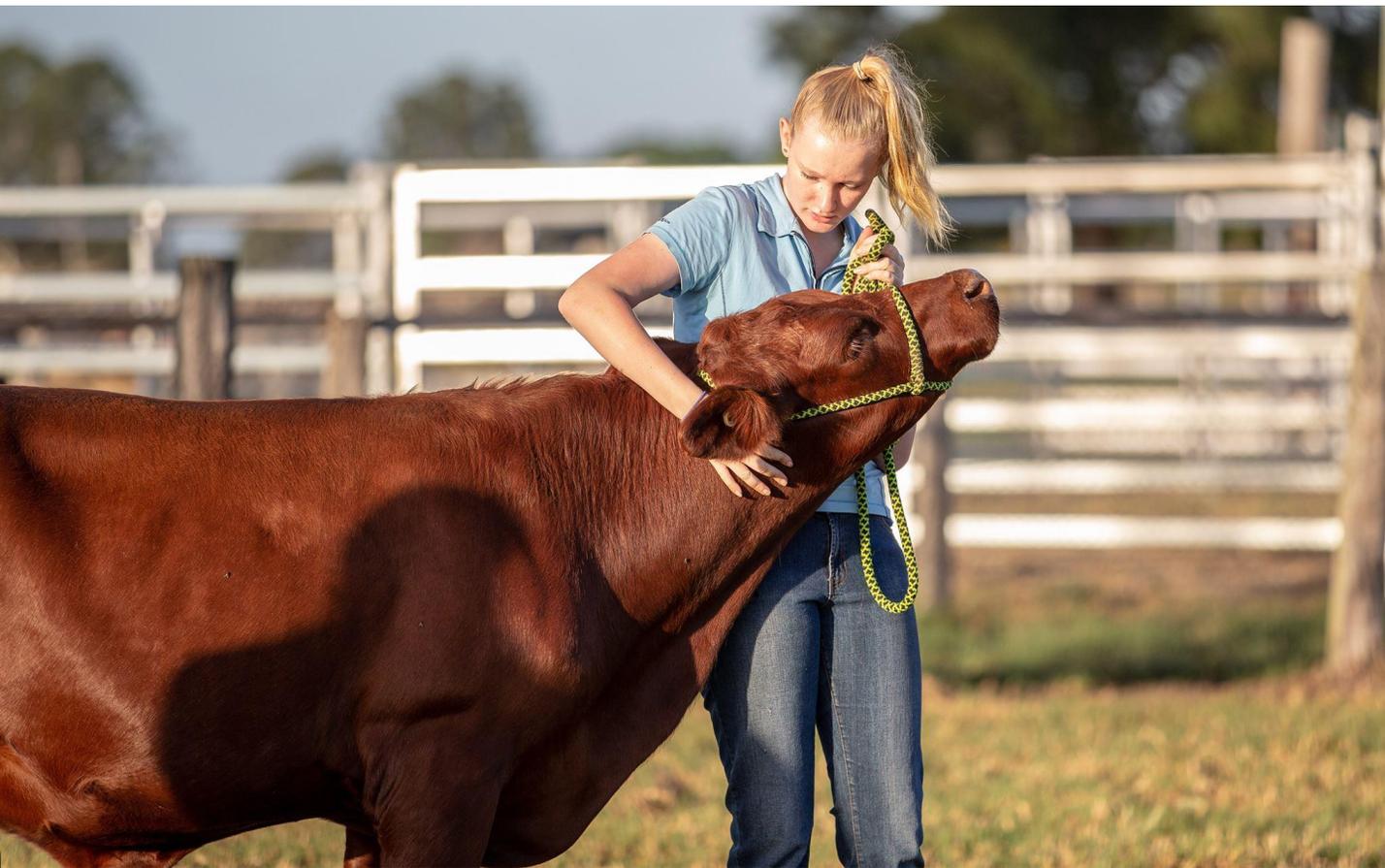
**Hunter Valley**  
Grammar School

## Thank you for your interest in our Rural Scholarships Program.

Hunter Valley Grammar School (HVGS) is the region's own premier independent, coeducational school for students from Preschool to Year 12.

Our Rural Scholarships Program offers rural students living in rural and regional NSW and further afield in wider Australia, the opportunity to finish their critical HSC years at HVGS, while staying in a homestay situation in the care of a local Hunter Valley family. Scholarships are on offer for students entering Year 11.

On the following pages you'll find questions and answers pertaining to all aspects of the Program. If you'd like to speak to us in person, you'll find contact details in the back of this booklet. Don't hesitate to reach out. We'd love to chat.



# Rural Family Q & A

## What is Homestay and what are the benefits of attending Hunter Valley Grammar School?

Homestay is a program where students are welcomed into the home of a local family while studying at Hunter Valley Grammar School.

The Rural Scholarships Program offers students the opportunity to attend the region's own premier independent school for Years 11 and 12. The School provides a caring and supportive environment where dynamic and diverse teaching and learning is the central theme, and each student is provided with the opportunity to achieve their personal best. Students can choose from a wide range of region-leading academic and co-curricular programs for their personal development and growth. You find more information about the School at [www.hvgs.nsw.edu.au](http://www.hvgs.nsw.edu.au).

The campus boasts 13 hectares of beautifully landscaped, tree studded grounds, with excellent facilities and sporting fields.

## How will students be selected for the Program?

1. Students apply for a Rural Scholarship.
2. HVGS determines their suitability for an enrolment and for the Program; this involves an Interview with the Principal and the rural student and parent.
3. A sub-committee of the Board's Scholarship Committee awards Rural Scholarships to a select group of students.
4. The Principal, Deputy Principal and Director of Enrolments, match students to pre-approved Homestay Families.
5. Before an offer of enrolment and Homestay is made, introductions are facilitated between Homestay Families and a rural student/family. At this point, a decision to proceed is made.
6. Homestay Families, and the parents of the student sign separate agreements which detail rights and obligations.
7. Our primary aim is to find a Homestay Family who will be compatible with the interests and personality of the student.

## What will a Homestay Family provide for my child as part of the Rural Scholarships Program?

Your Homestay Family will;

- support the values and aims of Hunter Valley Grammar School
- encourage your child to engage fully with their HVGS education
- build a quality relationship with your child by meeting the usual expectations that the School has of a parent
- provide a comfortable, safe and friendly home away from home
- provide a study area
- give your child independent access to the home
- supply three healthy meals each day

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- organise transport to and from HVGS
- speak English as the main language
- provide laundered sheets and towels and basic toiletries
- offer laundry facilities - there is no expectation that Homestay Families do your child's personal laundry.

### Health and other matters

Your child is expected to have personal health insurance; the insurance details will be provided to the Homestay Family. If your child is ill or requires medical attention, the Homestay Family will ensure that your child sees a doctor promptly and ensure that you and the School are notified.

Recipients of a Rural Scholarship are expected to abide by the 'house rules' as stipulated by the Homestay Family and to treat their new home with respect. If there is any concern about the Homestay arrangement, the Homestay Family will contact the School immediately, while the concern is still in the earliest stages.

As part of the selection process, a Police Check and Working with Children Check will be completed for all adults residing in the Homestay household.

Parents are encouraged to stay interested and informed – without interfering or being excessive with communication to the Homestay Family.

We encourage the Homestay parents to parent your child while HVGS educates them. Homestay Families will attend parent/teacher interviews and other relevant school information evenings and events.

Your child is expected to return home during the school holidays unless special arrangements are made with the Homestay Family. You are responsible for arranging transport to and from your place of residence.

### Financial Information

- The cost of the Homestay is \$300 per week, during term time, and is required to be paid by the Rural Family to the School. This payment is passed (in full) to the Homestay Family to off-set costs of board and lodging
- The Rural Scholarship will provide a remission of 75% of School fees
- School camps and compulsory school excursions are inclusive of this Scholarship
- You will be required to meet the cost of a BYOD device, sport and school uniforms, private music tuition fees, text books, sundry items and the remaining 25% of the tuition fees

- Acceptance of an HVGS Scholarship will be subject to the School's enrolment and Scholarship terms and conditions
- An Enrolment Bond of \$1,250 is payable upon acceptance of the Scholarship (refer to our Terms and Conditions)
- Tuition and Homestay fees and associated costs are payable on the first day of term. Fees that are not paid within the required time will attract a service fee.



## HVGS Contact Details

For more information about the Rural Scholarship program, please contact Mr Paul Teys in the first instance.

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# Values For Life

Hunter Valley Grammar School is committed to the following core values:



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## • Responsibility •

We are able to be trusted to do what is right. We can be relied upon to do the things that are expected of us.  
We strive for personal excellence in any endeavour. We take care of our self, fellow students and our School.  
We are accountable for our own behaviours.

## • Integrity •

We are consistently fair and honest. We are reliable and trustworthy. We are loyal to our personal values and our family values. We abide by the School's values and code of behaviour. We are morally strong.

## • Respect •

We act in a way which shows that we are aware of other people's feelings, wishes and rights. We treat other people properly. We are thoughtful and considerate of other people, our School environment and general property.  
We have self-respect behaving with honour and dignity.

## • Citizenship •

We are a responsible member of our own local community and the community of HVGS. We behave in a courteous and polite way to all other people who work and learn at HVGS and to visitors. We care for our environment.

## • Courage •

We are prepared to do the right thing even when you know it is difficult or trying. We persevere when facing a challenge, fear, or problem. We embrace opportunities and try our best to make a valuable contribution.  
We have the confidence to act in accordance with our own beliefs.

## • Compassion •

We help someone who is not well, is hurting or who is in trouble. We have awareness of the needs of others and we want to help other people in their time of need. We are aware that we depend upon each other.  
We act with kindness, forgiveness and empathy.

## • Optimism •

We are hopeful, cheerful and buoyant. We see the positive side of things, and encourage others to do the same.  
We believe that good things will happen in the future. We have faith that if we plan well and prepare thoughtfully, positive things will occur.

## • Gratitude •

We are thankful for our family and friends, our school and country, knowing that not everybody is as fortunate as we are. We express our gratitude in the manner we relate to others and care for our environment.  
We look for opportunities to serve others and make a difference in the global community.



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