



Reuben
O'Neill
Bursary

Families who apply
for the Reuben O'Neill
Bursary desire a
Catholic education
for their child.

What is the Reuben O'Neill Bursary?

The Reuben O'Neill Bursary has been established by the Catholic Diocese of Auckland to assist in making Catholic education available to some families and their children who otherwise would be unable to receive a Catholic education. The Reuben O'Neill Bursary has been established to honour Reuben O'Neill (1932-2025) who was an exceptional volunteer and supporter of Catholic education throughout his lifetime. Reuben O'Neill was a husband, parent and grandparent and was recognised by Pope John Paul II in 1989 receiving a papal knighthood for his services to the Catholic Church of New Zealand. Reuben was proud of his own Catholic education and worked faithfully to make Catholic education accessible to as many people as possible, through building the Common Fund Cooperative, developing new schools, and improving the standard of existing schools across the Diocese of Auckland.

Who can apply Reuben O'Neill Bursary?

Whānau/families can apply at primary or secondary levels. Eligibility criteria include a desire for Catholic education for your child, and financial benefit to your family. Students of any year level can apply for the scholarship for the following school year.

What does the bursary cover?

The bursary covers the cost of Attendance Dues.

- Primary (2026) \$544.00 per annum GST incl
- Secondary (2026) \$1,124 per annum GST incl

The bursary funds the cost of Attendance Dues for a child while they are enrolled at a Catholic primary or secondary school.

A primary school student will be awarded the bursary through to the end of Year 6.

A secondary school bursary will be awarded through to the end of Year 13.

How do I apply for the bursary?

Forms are available from your Parish office/
Parish Priest or school Principal.

Forms should be submitted by 11 September, 2026.

Forms can be sent by email to: scholarships@cda.org.nz

or by post to:

Pompallier Diocesan Centre, Private Bag 47904,
Ponsonby, Auckland 1144
Attention: Vicar for Education

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Student Name: _____

Name of school enrolled or enrolling at: _____

REFEREE

The referee must be your Parish Priest or school Principal.

Name: _____

☐ Parish Priest

☐ Principal

Address: _____

Email: _____

Signature of nominee: _____ Date: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Other Given Name(s): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Gender: _____

Country of Birth: ☐ New Zealand ☐ Other: _____

Current School: _____ Year Group: _____
(if applicable) (Please specify)

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN/CAREGIVER INFORMATION

Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver 1

Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver 2

First name: _____ First name: _____

Other given name(s): _____ Other given name(s): _____

Surname: _____ Surname: _____

Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____

Religion: _____ Religion: _____

Are you a member of a particular parish or worshipping community? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of community: _____

Number of children in the family: _____

Number of children at school: _____

Name of school(s) children enrolled at: _____

Street Address: _____

Suburb/Town: _____ City: _____ Postcode: _____

Email address: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____ Mobile Telephone Number: _____

Please provide a comment on why you desire a Catholic education for your child. (You are welcome to attach a separate statement if more space needed):

Please provide a description of how this bursary would benefit your whānau/family financially:

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian:

Print name of Parent or Legal Guardian:

Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian:

Print name of Parent or Legal Guardian:

Date: _____

Please provide the following required documentation to support this expression of interest:

☐ A reference from your Parish Priest or Principal

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by 12 September 2026