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THE DARYL & HERMINA BLAXLAND SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Information





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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Canberra Grammar School acknowledges the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the land where the School is situated and recognises any other people or families with a connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations people on whose land we gather.

INTRODUCTION

FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



For families in rural and regional Australia, access to a transformative education can often feel out of reach. Recognising this, the late Mr Daryl and Mrs Hermina Blaxland—who were inspired by the School's vibrant community, exceptional programmes, and the promise they saw in its students—made an extraordinary bequest of \$9.8 million to Canberra Grammar School, establishing a dedicated scholarship to support rural and Indigenous students. This gift provides means-tested assistance to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend CGS, helping to foster determination, resilience, and potential.

Over time, the scholarships are expected to support up to 12 students concurrently, making a significant contribution to the boarding community. Beyond the scholarships themselves, the Blaxlands' legacy also supports the long-term redevelopment of the School's boarding facilities, ensuring high-quality accommodation and a nurturing environment for generations to come.

Through their generosity, the Blaxlands' vision continues to shape the life of the School, offering gifted students the chance to thrive academically, contribute to Co-Curricular life, and grow into leaders who will make a lasting impact in their communities.

Thank you for your interest in the Daryl and Hermina Blaxland Scholarship at Canberra Grammar School. As a leading school in Australia's national capital, CGS is proudly committed to providing outstanding opportunities for students from rural and regional communities, supporting them to realise their potential and to thrive in a world-class learning environment. Backed by the generosity of donors such as the Blaxlands, the CGS Foundation, and our wider School community, CGS scholarships open doors for talented and motivated students to engage fully in academic life, sport, the arts, community service, and leadership.

Canberra Grammar School is large and diverse, bringing together more than 2,200 girls and boys from Pre-School to Year 12 and from over forty nationalities, as both boarders and day students. Within this environment, students not only learn from their teachers but from each other. The Blaxland Scholarships offer recipients the opportunity to grow, connect with peers, and develop both personally and academically, while contributing to the life of the School.

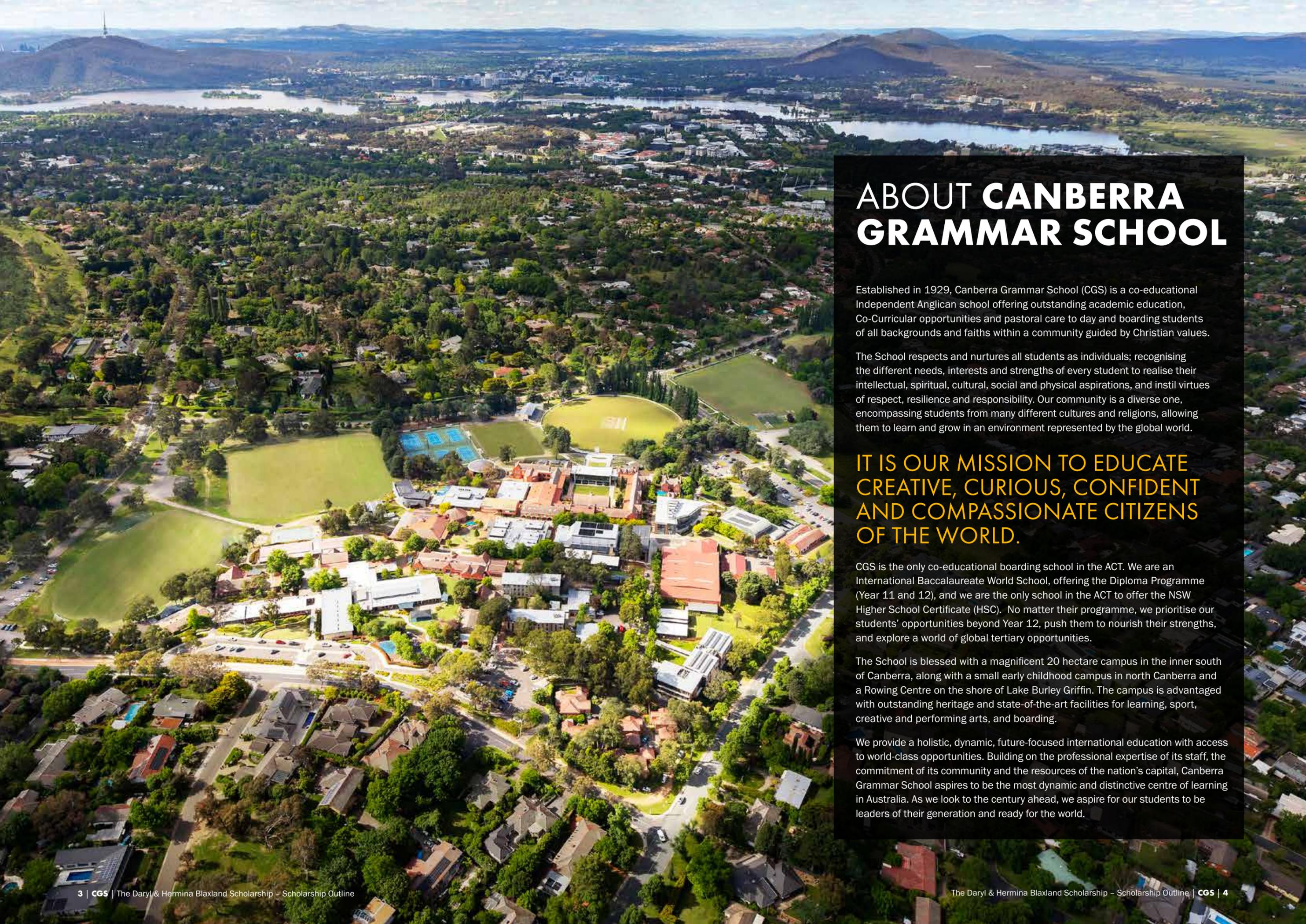
The Daryl and Hermina Blaxland Scholarship is particularly significant in its focus on supporting students from rural and farming communities, as well as students from Indigenous backgrounds. At CGS, we recognise that access to a high-quality education can be a transformative opportunity for these communities, fostering leadership, resilience, and lifelong potential. By enabling talented young people from regional areas to attend our School, the Blaxland Scholarship honours the Blaxlands' vision of empowering students whose families contribute so vitally to Australia's agricultural heartland, while strengthening connections between the School and rural communities.

We warmly invite you to read the accompanying information about the Daryl and Hermina Blaxland Scholarship, and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Justin Garrick
Head of School





ABOUT CANBERRA GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Established in 1929, Canberra Grammar School (CGS) is a co-educational Independent Anglican school offering outstanding academic education, Co-Curricular opportunities and pastoral care to day and boarding students of all backgrounds and faiths within a community guided by Christian values.

The School respects and nurtures all students as individuals; recognising the different needs, interests and strengths of every student to realise their intellectual, spiritual, cultural, social and physical aspirations, and instil virtues of respect, resilience and responsibility. Our community is a diverse one, encompassing students from many different cultures and religions, allowing them to learn and grow in an environment represented by the global world.

**IT IS OUR MISSION TO EDUCATE
CREATIVE, CURIOUS, CONFIDENT
AND COMPASSIONATE CITIZENS
OF THE WORLD.**

CGS is the only co-educational boarding school in the ACT. We are an International Baccalaureate World School, offering the Diploma Programme (Year 11 and 12), and we are the only school in the ACT to offer the NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC). No matter their programme, we prioritise our students' opportunities beyond Year 12, push them to nourish their strengths, and explore a world of global tertiary opportunities.

The School is blessed with a magnificent 20 hectare campus in the inner south of Canberra, along with a small early childhood campus in north Canberra and a Rowing Centre on the shore of Lake Burley Griffin. The campus is advantaged with outstanding heritage and state-of-the-art facilities for learning, sport, creative and performing arts, and boarding.

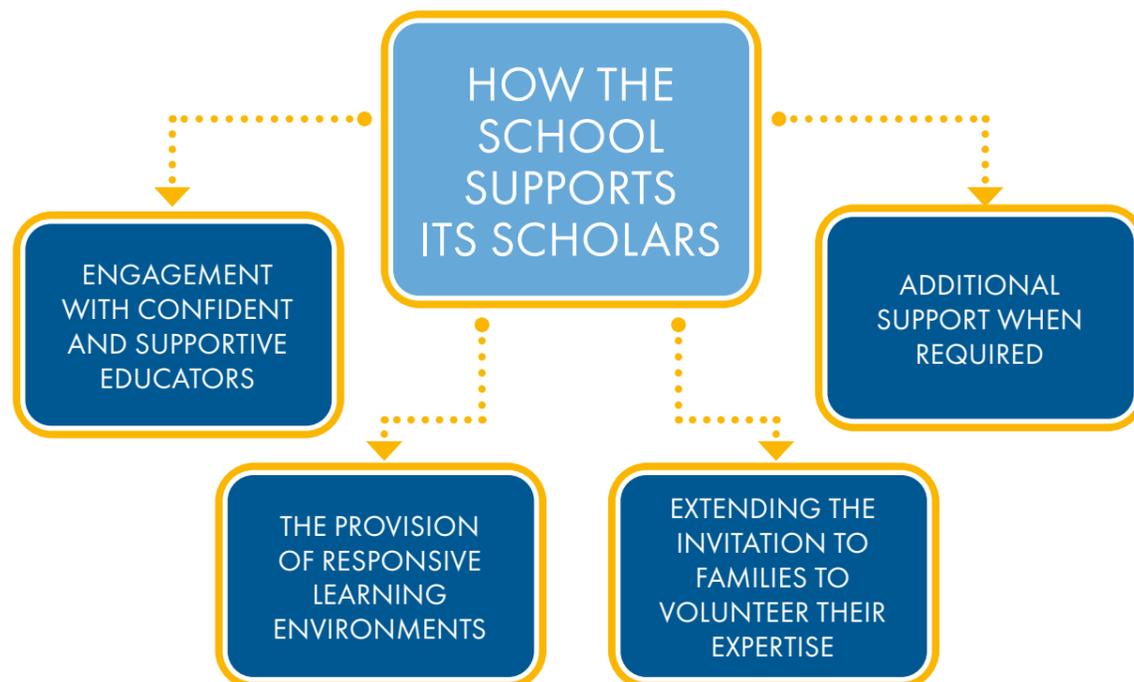
We provide a holistic, dynamic, future-focused international education with access to world-class opportunities. Building on the professional expertise of its staff, the commitment of its community and the resources of the nation's capital, Canberra Grammar School aspires to be the most dynamic and distinctive centre of learning in Australia. As we look to the century ahead, we aspire for our students to be leaders of their generation and ready for the world.

HOW THE SCHOOL SUPPORTS ITS SCHOLARS

ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA

CGS Scholars are supported to achieve in school, and to create pathways to further education and employment through:

- **Engagement with confident and supportive educators:** Staff provide a high level of support to students and their families, ensuring they feel safe and included in school life. Staff consider the holistic needs of the child, prioritising wellbeing and cultural needs, and maintaining a high expectation of commitment and individual success.
- **The provision of responsive learning environments:** Mindful that individual needs are diverse and change over time, continuous monitoring is an integral component of the CGS Student Development Programme, ensuring that learning requirements are recognised and responded to.
- **Additional support when required:** Students are provided increased access to learning and development programmes when necessary; and
- **Extending the invitation to families to volunteer their expertise:** Involving our community in sharing knowledge, skills, and experiences enriches learning for all students and fosters strong, positive relationships.



Canberra Grammar School invites applications for the Daryl and Hermina Blaxland Scholarships, awarded to students from rural or regional areas and Indigenous students, either entering or continuing in our Boarding House.

These scholarships, providing 25 – 50% remission of boarding fees, are designed to support those who might not otherwise have access to a CGS education due to economic circumstances. Recipients will be students who show strong academic potential, diverse talents, and a readiness to contribute positively to school life, both in and beyond the classroom. Applicants must have their primary residence in regional NSW or the ACT (excluding the Cumberland County/Sydney metropolitan area), with parents whose principal income is derived from primary production, or be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage.

We welcome students who are eager to embrace challenge, enrich our community, and give back to the communities they call home.

Criteria

To be eligible for a The Daryl & Hermina Blaxland Scholarship, students must be:

- Residing primarily in regional NSW or the ACT (excluding Cumberland County/Sydney metropolitan area)
- Either from a rural or regional area:
 - from a family whose primary source of income is from primary production in NSW or the ACT; **or**
 - of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage
- Supported by those committed to making the necessary financial contribution towards expenses
- Respectful of the Christian ethos of the School Community; and
- Willing to accept and agree to the School's rules and policies

Additionally, applicants who demonstrate the following will be strongly considered:

- Good homework habits
- Sufficient literacy and numeracy skills to mitigate pressure of an increased academic expectations
- Outstanding achievement in at least one area, including sport, drama, music, leadership and/or academic studies
- A commitment to staying at CGS until the end of Year 12
- A positive attitude to learning
- An ability to adjust to both new learning and living environments; and
- An ability to relate well with people from many different backgrounds.

Successful students will be expected to:

- Maintain a high effort rating (above 80% each term based on CGS effort scoring)
- Maintain an excellent attendance record (above 90% each term based on CGS records)
- Maintain high behavioural standards
- Participate fully in a summer and winter co-curricular programme; and
- Attend all School carnivals and relevant in-School events.

HOW TO APPLY

SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

All applications must include the following information:

1. A completed Scholarship Application Form
2. Copies of the student's two most recent school reports
3. Latest NAPLAN results
4. Awards and certificates of achievement
5. Two references which can be from a teacher, coach or community member
6. Any specialist reports
7. If applicable, any Court/Protection Orders or Parenting Plans that relate to the student
8. A copy of the student's birth certificate; and
9. If applicable, Certificate of Aboriginality.

Application and supporting documents can be sent to:

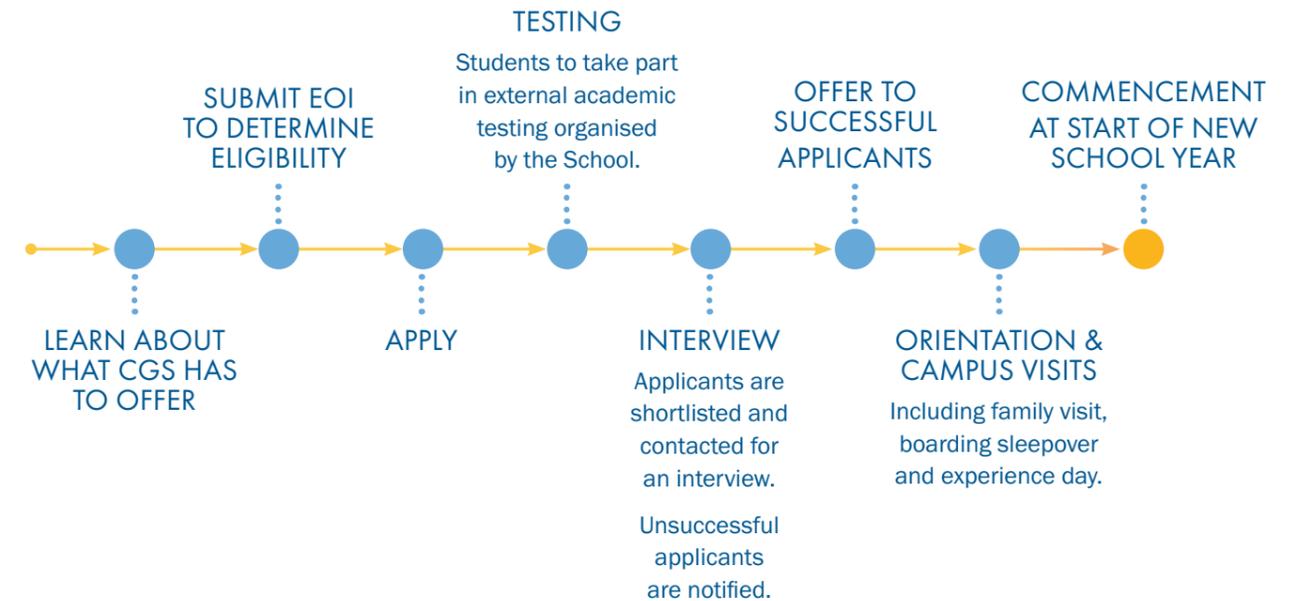
admissions@cgs.act.edu.au, with the subject line 'Blaxland Scholarship Application'.

Or sent via mail to:

Head of Admissions

Canberra Grammar School
40 Monaro Crescent,
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If submitting hard copies please provide **photo copies** only and not original documents.



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