

THE PAULA DAVOREN BURSARY AWARD

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In her memory, the Lion's Club of Brisbane MacGregor was gifted a bequest that was to be used within the MacGregor community. MacGregor State School takes great pride in the announcement of the Paula Davoren Bursary Award, presented in partnership with MacGregor State High School, to a Year 6 student who shows exemplary commitment and determination to their academic and citizenship endeavours.

THE BURSARY

Who Can Apply?

Any student in Year 6 at MacGregor State School, who will attend MacGregor State High School in 2026, and demonstrates academic and citizenship potential can apply for the Paula Davoren Bursary.

What Does the Bursary Provide?

The recipient of the Paula Davoren Bursary will receive four payments totalling \$5,000 to

their student account over their first four years of high school. The bursary provides the receiving student with \$2,000 in Year 7 to defray the initial costs of transitioning to high school, and \$1,000 per year for Years 8, 9 and 10. The donations of the bursary can be used for both educational expenses as well as uniforms and co-curricular participation. Any funds that are not used within the calendar school year will roll over to the following year.

APPLICATIONS

How Do I Apply?

In 2025, interested students and families will have the opportunity to apply for the Bursary until **4pm Friday 8 August 2025**.

To be considered for the Paula Davoren Bursary Award, families will be required to submit a bursary application. Applicants are asked to supply copies of their two most recent report cards, NAPLAN results, and any other supporting documentation such as ICAS results or certificates of community involvement. A video submission will also be included in the application process, where students put forth their best response to a question posed by the Lion's Club of Brisbane MacGregor, which can be found on the Bursary application form.

How Will Applications Be Assessed?

All applications will be reviewed by a panel of leadership staff from MacGregor State School, MacGregor State High School and Lions Club of Brisbane MacGregor. The accompanying video submissions will be shared with the panel who will determine the response they best believe answers the proposed question. The successful applicant will be selected from the holistic consideration of all aspects of application requirements by the panel. The recipient of the Paula Davoren Bursary will be notified by end of August 2025, with a public acknowledgment at the MacGregor State High School Awards Night in Term 4.



THE PAULA DAVOREN BURSARY APPLICATION

Student Name: _____ **Class:** _____

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ACADEMIC RESULTS

Semester 1, Year 6

Mathematics: _____

English: _____

Science: _____

Humanities: _____

Music: _____

The Arts: _____

Chinese: _____

HPE: _____

Semester 2, Year 5

Mathematics: _____

English: _____

Science: _____

Humanities: _____

Music: _____

The Arts: _____

Chinese: _____

HPE: _____

CO-CURRICULAR AND CITIZENSHIP

The quintessence of the Paula Davoren Award endorses a holistic approach to education through both academic and citizenship endeavours. In line with these values, please provide the details of any co-curricular or citizenship achievements from the previous two years, attaching any evidence to your submission.

Please provide information and supporting documentation of participation in any external activities such as state or national sporting competitions, ICAS, Australian Mathematics Competition, AMEB Awards etc....



VIDEO ESSAY

Through her involvement with Lions Clubs International, Paula Davoren led many initiatives to improve the lives of others. One project that she was particularly passionate about was *Lions Recycle for Sight* where she implemented programs to collect, test, clean, sort and distribute second hand eyeglasses to people in need around the world. This work embodied Paula's **compassion, integrity** and **commitment** to helping others.

As part of the application process for the Paula Davoren Bursary Award, all applicants are asked to provide a two-minute video response to the following question:

How do you live the values of compassion, integrity and commitment in your own life? In your response, provide an example of how demonstrating this has improved the life of someone else.

Video submissions can be uploaded to OneDrive following the instructions provided on the Paula Davoren Bursary Award page of the MacGregor State School website.

Applications for the Paula Davoren Bursary must be submitted to the MacGregor State School office no later than 4pm on Friday August 8 2025.

