

Narelle Jarrett Bursaries for 2024

Information for Applicants

About Mary Andrews College

Since 1891, Mary Andrews College (MAC) has been equipping and encouraging Christian women as they serve the Lord Jesus Christ in their churches, communities, and beyond.

MAC is a branch of the Anglican Deaconess Ministry (ADM).

The Narelle Jarrett Bursaries are offered to students undertaking the internal Mary Andrews College Certificate in Biblical Studies and Pastoral Care.

Why are we offering these bursaries?

Reverend Narelle Jarrett was Principal of MAC for many years and had a vision of equipping women to grow in their Christian walk and service of the Lord Jesus.

The bursaries have been provided by supporters of MAC who want to honour Narelle's legacy. We recognise that financial concerns can hold women back from attempting the study that will see them become more confident in their Christian lives and service.

The Narelle Jarrett Bursaries

These bursaries are available only to those wishing to study the MAC Certificate in Biblical Studies and Pastoral Care for credit. This means applicants must have an intention of completing all six units of the Certificate and will commit to submitting all assessments in those units.

What contribution will a bursary holder pay towards her study?

A bursary contributes just over 75% towards the fees for the MAC Certificate.

The 2024 fees are \$425 per unit.

A Bursary holder will need to pay \$100 per unit of study.

If the fees increase in future years, she will continue to pay \$100 per unit. Her contribution will not increase.

The \$100 can be paid as one payment or in 4 instalments of \$25 over 2 months.

What if a bursary recipient withdraws or fails a unit?

Consideration will be given to individual cases. We understand that circumstances can change. Students should keep MAC's Dean of Students informed of any change in personal or financial needs that might hinder their studies.

What if a student fails to notify MAC's Dean of Students and fails to attend classes or submit assignments?

MAC has the right to withdraw the Bursary if a student fails to attend classes or submit assignments.

About the MAC Certificate in Biblical Studies and Pastoral Care

The Certificate level is an introductory level of study, designed for those who have not completed any previous theological study.

The MAC Certificate is not accredited through the ACT, however it is taught with the same level of expertise and commitment by MAC's lecturers.

FEE-HELP is not available to study the MAC Certificate.

The MAC Certificate comprises 6 units:

- 4 core units - New Testament, Old Testament, Christian Theology, Pastoral Care
- 2 electives - examples being Seniors Ministry, Creative Skills in Ministry, Pastoral Care and Mental Health.

The core units are rotated over an 18 month period.

A variety of electives are offered each year.

Assessment for each unit is a total of 2,000 words or equivalent.

Key dates

- Monday 15th January 2024: Applications for bursaries close.
- Monday 29th January: Notification of the outcome of applications.
- Tuesday 6th February: Applications to study in Semester 1, 2024 close.
- Sunday 11th February: Enrolments for Semester 1, 2024 close.
- Wednesday 14th February 10.30am: Orientation for new students (required), online or in person. (Followed by lunch)
- Wednesday 14th February 12.30-1.30pm Commencement Chapel for Semester 1

Lectures begin the week beginning 19th February.

See [timetable on the website](#) for details of what units are being offered and dates for 2024.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for a Narelle Jarrett Bursary you need to:

- Be a Christian woman
- Be an Australian citizen
- Be involved in the ministry of your church in some way, this may be formal or informal, paid or unpaid.
- Be in a low-income household
- Be willing for MAC to be in contact with the minister of your church
- Be willing to write a paragraph telling us why you are applying for a bursary
- Intend to complete the 6 units of the MAC Certificate course for credit (that is, to attend lectures online or in person, complete all assessments, participate in class)
- To commit to the Mary Andrews College [code of conduct](#)

The following will be used to assess applications:

- Each point of the eligibility criteria is met.
- We are especially looking for women who would value the financial assistance of the bursary in order to study.
- We are also looking for women who believe that studying the units in the Certificate course would help them personally to grow in Christ and the ways they can serve him.

Application process

To apply, you will need to complete the MAC 'Application Form for a Narelle Jarrett Bursary' found on the Mary Andrews College website. [Give link](#)

Return your application by January 15th. No further applications for the bursaries will be considered after that date for Semester 1, 2024 . You will receive an email confirming that your application has been received.

You will be notified within 2 weeks as to whether your application for a bursary has been successful or not. We have a limited number of bursaries, so not all applicants will be awarded a bursary in 2024

Depending on the finances available, bursaries will be made available in the future.

In your online application you will be asked to provide;

- A short paragraph about your Christian faith.
- A short paragraph about the ways you serve in your church.
- A short paragraph explaining your financial situation and why a bursary would help you to undertake a course of study.
- The names of two referees and their contact details. At least one needs to be a member of your church's ministry team.

Application submission

Applications must be made using the online application form. To access the form, visit link

This form must be received by Monday 15th January.

Further details about the MAC Certificate course and the timetable for 2024 can be found on the Mary Andrews College website. There you can also read profiles of students who have studied at MAC.

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application in a letter of outcome sent via email.

Enquiries

If you have any enquiries about your application, please don't hesitate to get in contact with our Dean of Students, Kate Snell.

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