



THE PIONEER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

* INTRODUCTION

The Pioneer Scholarships celebrate excellence, character and contribution to the life and success of our school. They are designed to attract and support students entering Year 6 and Year 7 who demonstrate outstanding potential in the areas of Academics, Performing and Creative Arts (Music, Art, Dance, Drama) and Sport. DCBK Scholars embody our values and are expected to contribute widely to school life.

TIMELINE FOR APPLICATION

Applications Open	Friday 23 January 2026
Applications submitted by	Friday 13 January 2026
Assessments take place	Monday 16 February to Friday 06 March 2026
Decisions shared with families	Friday 13 March 2026



SCHOLARSHIP STRUCTURE

Eligible Entry Years	Year 6 and Year 7
Award Available	Academic, Performing and Creative Arts (Music, Art, Dance, Drama), Sport, Thai Language and Culture
Award Value	25% of tuition fees (Variations at the College's discretion)
Duration	Awards are merit-based and reviewed annually based on continued academic performance and contribution to school life.



ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS

- ✓ Applicants ***must meet all current admissions requirements***, demonstrate excellence in at least one scholarship category, commit to broad participation in school life, maintain good standing, lead by example and comply with residency requirements.
- ✓ Scholars uphold the highest standards, contribute broadly, engage consistently, maintain academic diligence and communicate openly and represent the School widely and positively.
- ✓ Eligibility criteria are transparent and are applied consistently.
- ✓ Awards are merit-based and reviewed annually based on continued academic performance and contribution to school life.
- ✓ Scholars are expected to maintain high academic standards and uphold the values of Dulwich College Bangkok. Failure to meet expectations may result in withdrawal of the scholarship.
- ✓ All applications and assessment outcomes will be treated with strict confidentiality.



CONDITIONS OF AWARDS

- All scholars are expected to maintain strong academic performance and demonstrate the ability to balance scholarship expectations and wider studies. The School has a key role to play in working with the Scholar and the Family to help achieve this.
- All Scholars are expected to maintain a positive attitude towards learning and school life.
- All Scholars are expected to be fully involved within the areas of their scholarship within school life.
- All Scholars are expected to participate in co-curricular areas beyond their scholarship area.
- All Scholars are encouraged to show potential for leadership qualities and the ability to work collaboratively in team settings.
- All scholars are expected to demonstrate perseverance, adaptability and a growth mindset in challenging situations.



ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

1 Purpose

The Academic Scholarship Programme at Dulwich College Bangkok aims to recognise and nurture **exceptional academic potential** in students entering Year 6 or Year 7. Scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding cognitive ability, academic achievement and a commitment to learning.

2 Academic Criteria

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

Cognitive Ability	Strong performance in CAT4 (Cognitive Abilities Test): Preferred range: Stanine 7–9 across Verbal, Non-Verbal, Quantitative, and Spatial reasoning. Prime area is Verbal. Consideration may be given to candidates with exceptional strengths in one or two areas.
Academic Attainment	Evidence of high achievement in English and Mathematics: Standardised assessments (CAT4) taken within the DCBK Admissions process will be used as the core measure, with school reports and/or other evidence taken as supplementary.
Language Proficiency	Strong English language skills in reading, writing and oral communication. EAL students must demonstrate ability to access the curriculum without significant support.
Learning Attitude and Character	Demonstrates curiosity, resilience, and independence in learning. Positive teacher references highlighting engagement and motivation. Displays integrity, respect, and collaboration.
Wider Co-Curricular Engagement	Interest in enrichment activities such as SE21, debating, performing and creative arts or sports. Potential for leadership and contribution to school life.

3 Assessment Process

- STAGE 1** Submission of application form, recent school reports, and references.
- STAGE 2** Academic testing in CAT4, as well as English and Mathematics. The academic assessment for scholars is the same as for all entrants, with the addition of a pupil interview with the HoC plus one other academic member of staff.
- STAGE 3** Interview with senior academic staff to assess intellectual curiosity and character.



PERFORMING & CREATIVE ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS

1 Purpose

The Performing and Creative Arts Scholarship Programme at Dulwich College Bangkok aims to recognise and nurture **exceptional artistic potential in Music, Dance, Drama and Art** among students entering Year 6 or Year 7. Scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding ability and potential, as well as a commitment to learning in at least two of these areas. We would expect all candidates to offer a prime and secondary area.

2 Academic Criteria

Applicants must meet the following requirements:



Music

- Proficiency on an instrument or voice, ideally at ABRSM Grade 4+ for Year 6 and Grade 5+ for Year 7, or equivalent
- Strong musicality, tone and performance confidence



Art

- High level of creativity and technical skill in drawing, painting, or mixed media
- Portfolio showcasing originality and artistic development



Dance

- Demonstrate technical skill and expressive ability in one or more dance styles
- Record of participation in performances
- Participation in competitions is desirable



Drama

- Evidence of strong acting skills, stage presence, and vocal clarity
- Participation in school or community productions
- LAMDA awards and participation in competitions is desirable

3 Assessment Process

STAGE 1

Submission of application form, recent school reports, and references.

STAGE 2

Completion of DCBK Admissions process and meeting the admissions requirements.

STAGE 3

Assessment and/or review of portfolio.

STAGE 4

Interview with relevant academic staff.



SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

1 Purpose

The Sports Scholarship Programme at Dulwich College Bangkok aims to recognise and nurture exceptional academic potential in students entering Year 6 or Year 7. Scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding **sporting ability in one or more areas of the sports** played within the School and who show commitment to personal development and team contributions.

2 Academic Criteria

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

Sporting Ability

- Demonstrates high-level performance in one or more sports offered at DCBK (e.g. football, swimming, athletics, basketball, tennis, golf, etc.)
- Evidence of technical skill, tactical understanding, teamwork and physical fitness appropriate for age.
- Participation in competitive sports at club, regional or national level is highly desirable.

Commitment And Attitude

- Displays dedication to training and continuous improvement.
- Positive references from coaches or PE teachers
- Willingness to represent DCBK in school teams and competitions.
- Upholds good sporting conduct, fairness and respect for others.

3 Assessment Process

- STAGE 1** Submission of application form, recent school reports, and references.
- STAGE 2** Completion of DCBK Admissions process and meeting the admissions requirements.
- STAGE 3** Submission of supporting scholarship information (sports CV, and coach/teacher references, etc.)
- STAGE 4** Practical assessment in chosen sport(s) to evaluate skill, fitness, and game sense.
- STAGE 5** Interview to assess commitment, attitude, and ability to contribute to school sporting life.



THAI SCHOLARSHIPS

6.1 Purpose

The Thai Language Scholarship Programme at Dulwich College Bangkok aims to recognise and nurture **exceptional ability and potential in Thai language proficiency** among students entering Year 6 or Year 7. Scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding skills in reading, writing and speaking Thai, alongside a commitment to cultural understanding and academic excellence.

6.2 Academic Criteria

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

Language Proficiency

- Demonstrates advanced ability in Thai reading comprehension.
- Strong Thai writing skills, including grammar, structure, and creativity.
- Fluent and confident spoken Thai, with clear pronunciation and expression.

Cultural Understanding

- Shows appreciation for Thai literature, history, and cultural heritage.
- Willingness to engage in activities that promote Thai language and culture within the school community.

Academic And Cognitive Ability

- Evidence of high attainment in Thai language assessments or school reports.
- Ability to apply Thai language skills in academic and creative contexts.

Communication & Presentation Skills

- Can articulate ideas clearly and confidently in Thai, both orally and in writing.
- Willingness to present work or participate in Thai language events.

6.3 Assessment Process

- STAGE 1** Submission of application form, recent school reports, and references.
- STAGE 2** Completion of DCBK Admissions process and meeting the admissions requirements.
- STAGE 3** Submission of supporting scholarship information (recent school reports and teacher references).
- STAGE 4** Thai Language Assessment including: Reading comprehension task / Writing task (creative or analytical) / Oral communication assessment.
- STAGE 5** Interview to assess fluency, cultural understanding, and commitment.