



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE (MATT LAFFAN DISABILITY SCHOLARSHIP) BY-LAW 2019

1. How made

This By-law is made by the Council under section 18 of the *St John's College Act 2018*.

2. Commencement

This By-law commences on 11 September 2019.

3. Interpretation

(1) Words and expressions that occur in this By-law have the same meanings as they have in the Act.

(2) In this By-law –

Act means the *St John's College Act 2018* (NSW).

Laffan Fund means the sum total from time to time of:

- (a) any funds that have at any time been donated, bequeathed or in any manner given to the College for the purpose of establishing or maintaining a scholarship or scholarships in memory of Matthew Laffan, a member of the College and former President of the Students' Club, who died in 2009; together with
- (b) any income from those funds that, having not been applied for a purpose for which the funds were donated within two calendar years of the date on which it was received, has accumulated.

President of the Alumni Association means the President for the time being of *The Johnsmen's Association Incorporated*, or, in the event of *The Johnsmen's Association Incorporated* changing its name, the President of that renamed entity.

4. Application of the income of the Laffan Fund

- (1) Subject to this By-Law, any income of the Laffan Fund that, having been held for less than two years from the date of its receipt, has not accumulated to the Fund, shall be applied annually in the following manner:
 - (a) A sum corresponding to the full cost of the College's current residential fees for one year shall first be applied to the Matt Laffan Disability Scholarship, or, for any year in which the Matt Laffan Disability Scholarship is not awarded, shall accumulate to the Laffan Fund in accordance with sub-clause 5(2) of this By-Law.
 - (b) Any remaining unaccumulated income may be applied to any further annual scholarship or scholarships in memory of Matthew Laffan for which the Council may have made provision in a By-Law.

- (2) Accounts in respect of the Laffan Fund, including reports of the income received in the preceding financial year, the amount of income applied and the manner in which it was applied, and the accumulated balance of the fund, shall be provided annually in writing by not later than 30 September to each of:
 - (a) Richard Laffan and Jennifer Laffan or the survivor of them; and
 - (b) the President of the Alumni Association.
- (3) The duty to provide annual written accounts in accordance with sub-clause (2) of this clause is a duty of the Rector.

5. Matt Laffan Disability Scholarship

- (1) The Matt Laffan Disability Scholarship may only be awarded to a person with a long-term physical disability. In awarding the scholarship consideration shall be given to the severity of the disability and whether the disability materially affects mobility and independence.
- (2) If in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit or no candidate satisfying the requirements for award, an award shall not be made and the income of the Fund which would otherwise have been applied to the Laffan Disability Scholarship shall be accumulated for that year.

6. Tenure

- (1) The Matt Laffan Disability Scholarship may only be held by a person who is a resident student of the College and enrolled for an undergraduate or postgraduate degree at the University.
- (2) The Matt Laffan Disability Scholarship is awarded on the basis that the awardee will continue to be enrolled in an approved degree course and the scholarship may be held until the awardee completes that degree, subject to the College's normal requirements as to full-time enrolment, academic results and academic progression.
- (3) An awardee wishing to undertake a subsequent degree may apply for a further Laffan Disability Scholarship and the application will be assessed in competition with other applicants.

7. Criteria for award

- (1) In addition to the criteria referred to in (5) above, the following criteria are to be taken into account when awarding the Matt Laffan Disability Scholarship:
 - (a) academic merit;
 - (b) enthusiasm for extra-curricular and collegiate activities;
 - (c) preference for applicants who reside outside the Sydney metropolitan area;
 - (d) preference for candidates who are Catholic or who show evidence of community involvement consistent with Catholic and Christian values.
- (2) Consideration shall only be given to the financial resources of applicants in a case where applicants are otherwise equally meritorious.

8. Procedure

- (1) The Matt Laffan Disability Scholarship shall be awarded only after:

- (a) public advertisement inviting applications to be made in a form approved by the Awarding Authority, which may require appropriate financial disclosure with verification and supporting documentation; and
 - (b) consideration of all applications received against the criteria applicable to the Laffan Disability Scholarship.
- (2) After receipt of applications by the College the Awarding Authority shall consult with:
- (a) the Vice-Rector and Dean,
 - (b) Richard Laffan and Jennifer Laffan or the survivor of them; and
 - (c) the President of the Alumni Association.
- (3) The College shall not award a Laffan Scholarship during the lifetimes of Richard Laffan and Jennifer Laffan without their approval or that of the survivor of them.
- (4) The Awarding Authority shall report the award of a Laffan Scholarship to the Council at its next meeting.
- (5) In this clause, **Awarding Authority** means the Rector, acting with the approval of the Chair or Deputy Chair of the Council, or such other person or body of persons (which may include the Rector) as the Council may from time to time determine.

9. Amendment Procedure

- (1) The procedure for repeal or amendment by the Council of any clause of this By-law, including this clause, shall be as prescribed in this clause.
- (2) The Rector shall cause written notice of the terms of the proposed resolution of the Council to effect such repeal or amendment to be provided to:
- (a) all members of the Council;
 - (b) Richard Laffan and Jennifer Laffan or the survivor of them; and
 - (c) the President of the Alumni Association.
- (3) The proposed resolution may not be approved by the Council, and no motion to adopt the proposed resolution may be taken as formal, until:
- (a) Richard Laffan and Jennifer Laffan or the survivor of them, shall have signified to the Rector in writing approval of the proposed resolution; and
 - (b) the President of the Alumni Association shall have signified to the Rector in writing approval of the proposed resolution.
- (4) The procedure that is prescribed in this clause is mandatory, and, for the avoidance of doubt, is intended to be binding on the Council in the exercise of its functions, including its functions under clauses 9(1) and 11(4) in Schedule 1 of the Act.
- (5) Any purported repeal or purported amendment by the Council of any clause of this By-Law, including this clause, that purports to have been effected otherwise than in accordance with the procedure that is prescribed in this clause shall be of no force or effect.

History

St John's College (Matt Laffan Disability Scholarship) By-law 2019 made by the Council of St John's College on 9 September 2019.