



## ST JOHN'S COLLEGE (DICK AND JENNY LAFFAN SCHOLARSHIP) BY-LAW 2020

### 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 23 November 2020.

### 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).

**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.

**Dick and Jenny 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 the Dick and Jenny Laffan Scholarships; together with

(b) any income from those funds.

**Fund** means the Dick and Jenny Laffan Fund.

**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.

**Scholarship** means a Dick and Jenny Laffan Scholarship.

### 4. The Dick and Jenny Laffan Fund

(1) Subject to this By-Law, all or any part of the Fund may be applied annually to one or more Scholarships in such amounts as the Awarding Authority may determine.

(2) Accounts in respect of the 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. Award of Dick and Jenny Laffan Scholarships**

- (1) The Awarding Authority may award one or more Scholarships annually, taking into account the following criteria:
- (a) academic merit;
  - (b) demonstrated sporting ability including significant sporting honours and awards (there is a preference for rugby union, however other College sports will also be strongly considered);
  - (c) a strong preference for students who are playing sport with a Sydney University Club
  - (d) enthusiasm for extra-curricular and collegiate activities;
  - (e) preference for applicants who reside outside the Sydney metropolitan area;
  - (f) 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.
- (3) 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 Scholarships shall be accumulated for that year.

## **6. Tenure**

- (1) A 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) A 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.

## **7. Procedure**

- (1) A Scholarship shall be awarded only after:
- (a) consideration of all applications received against the applicable criteria; and
  - (b) the consultation process described in (2) below
- (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 Scholarship during the lifetimes of Richard Laffan and Jennifer Laffan without their approval or that of the survivor of them. If by reason of mental or physical incapacity Richard Laffan or Jennifer Laffan are unable to provide their approval, a Scholarship may be awarded with the approval of the Chair of Council and the President of the Alumni Association.
- (4) The Awarding Authority shall report the award of a Scholarship to the Council at its next meeting.

## **8. 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 (Dick and Jenny Laffan Disability Scholarship) By-law 2020* made by the Council of St John's College on XXX.