



Scholarship Subjects

What You Need to Know

What are Scholarship Exams?

Scholarship is a high-level academic challenge offered by NZQA.

It is designed for students who want to extend their thinking, go deeper into subjects, and challenge themselves beyond NCEA Level 3.

Scholarship:

- Is not about extra credits
- Rewards deep understanding, problem-solving, and original thinking
- Can lead to financial awards and is highly valued by universities

You don't need to be "top of the class" – you need curiosity, commitment, and willingness to stretch yourself.

What Support Is Offered?

At school, we provide extra support for students sitting Scholarship subjects, including:

Workshops

- Subject-specific Scholarship workshops
- Focus on exam-style questions, thinking strategies, and depth of understanding

Regular Meetings

- Check-ins
- Goal setting and progress tracking
- Support with planning and workload balance

Working With Other Schools

You'll also have opportunities to connect with students and teachers from other schools:

- **Physics**

Hosted at SHGC to meet at the main office
Wednesdays, 7:30 am

- **Biology**

Hosted at SHGC to meet at the main office
Thursdays, 7.30 am

- **Chemistry**

Hosted by New Plymouth Boys' High School
(*Time to be confirmed*)

- **Calculus**

Hosted at NPGHS on Tuesdays

Please see Mr. Abrams to sign up for the tutorials.

These sessions give you exposure to:

- different teaching styles
- a wider group of motivated students
- shared problem-solving and discussion

What Does Scholarship Learning Look Like?

Scholarship learning often involves:

- explaining why, not just what
- applying ideas in new or unfamiliar situations
- linking concepts together
- thinking critically and creatively
- writing clearly and logically under pressure

It's normal to find scholarships hard – that's the point!

Tips for Scholarship Success

- Start early – little and often is better than cramming
- Ask questions and be curious
- Read examiner reports and past questions
- Practise explaining your thinking out loud or in writing
- Work with others – discussion helps deepen understanding
- Look after your wellbeing and keep balance

Thinking About Scholarship?

If you're interested or unsure whether a scholarship is right for you:

- Talk to your subject teacher
- Attend a workshop
- Give it a go – you can always reassess

Scholarship Subjects Supported at Spotswood College

At Spotswood College, we support students to enter scholarships in the following subjects (subject to student interest and staffing):

- Visual Arts Painting
- Visual Arts Photography

- Visual Arts Design
 - Visual Arts Sculpture
 - Visual Arts Printmaking
 - Spanish
 - Digital Technology
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Scholarship is about challenge, growth, and opportunity. We're here to support you every step of the way.