

“OUTWARD BOUND” GRANT

ST MATTHEW’S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL OLD GIRLS’ ASSOCIATION (“SMOGA”)

Terms and Conditions – 2026

OVERVIEW

The “Outward Bound” Grant is open to any student who is in Year 11, 12 or 13 and is either:

- a daughter, niece, or granddaughter of an Old Girl (the Old Girl must be a fully paid SMOGA member and have attended St Matthew’s Collegiate School for a minimum of two full school years), or
- any student of St Matthew’s Collegiate School who joins SMOGA.

The selection process for the “Outward Bound” Grant will be by random ballot.

The Grant will only be awarded in years when there are sufficient funds in the SMOGA “Outward Bound” Grant Fund.

The value of the “Outward Bound” Grant is currently \$2,500 per year.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. All applications must be made on the official “Outward Bound” Grant Application Form, available on the St Matthew’s Collegiate School website under SMOGA grants.
2. Applications will close on 31 May 2026.
3. The ballot process will take place before the end of Term 2.
4. The Principal of St Matthew’s Collegiate School or a SMOGA committee member will announce the successful applicant no later than the final school assembly in Term 2 (unless applicants are otherwise advised).

CONDITIONS

1. The “Outward Bound” Grant is available for participation in a Teen Outward Bound Course of either:
 - a one-week (8-day) course, or
 - a three-week (21-day) course.

2. The Grant entitles the holder to use the Grant toward payment of her Outward Bound course fees. The Grant covers partial course costs (presently \$2,500 incl. GST but subject to change).

If course costs increase beyond the Grant value, any additional costs will be the responsibility of the Grant Recipient (or their parents/caregivers).

Course Costs (NZD)

One-week (8-day) course: \$4,198

Three-week (21-day) course: \$6,894

SMOGA Contribution: \$2,500

Student Contribution:

- One-week course: \$1,698
- Three-week course: \$4,394

Travel to and from Outward Bound: Student responsible

3. The Grant Recipient is encouraged (but not required) to fundraise all or part of the remaining course costs.

4. The “Outward Bound” Grant is not transferable.

5. The Grant will not be awarded to the holder of any other grant awarded by the St Matthew’s Collegiate School Old Girls’ Association.

6. A student who is 15 years old may apply for the Grant; however, if selected, she must be 16 years old before undertaking an Outward Bound course.

7. The Grant must be used:

- within one year of the Grant being awarded; and
- before the Grant Recipient turns 19 years old.

If circumstances mean the Grant Recipient is unable to find a suitable course date within one year, the Grant Recipient must contact the President of SMOGA in writing to request an

extension. Such contact must occur within two months of the one-year anniversary of the award. Any extension is at SMOGA's sole discretion and must be confirmed in writing.

8. Should a Grant Recipient's circumstances change and she no longer wishes to undertake the course, she must notify the President of SMOGA in writing prior to the end of Term 2.

9. If a Grant Recipient is issued a stand-down or exclusion from St Matthew's Collegiate School, the Grant will be terminated with immediate effect.

10. The Grant amount will be paid directly to the Outward Bound Trust by the SMOGA Treasurer.

11. Upon completion of the Outward Bound course, the Grant Recipient agrees to assist SMOGA in promoting the Grant, including speaking at school assembly and providing a written reflection (with photos) for the SMOGA annual magazine "To the Stars".

12. By accepting the Grant, the Grant Recipient agrees to allow SMOGA to publicise their experience in "To the Stars" and on SMOGA social media channels (including Facebook).

No correspondence will be entered into regarding the outcome of the ballot.

OUTWARD BOUND TRUST CONDITIONS

Participants must:

- not have turned 19 prior to undertaking their course; and
- meet the terms and conditions of the Outward Bound Trust.

Further information is available at:

<https://www.outwardbound.co.nz/about-us/terms-and-conditions/>

BALLOT PROCESS

1. Only applications that meet the Grant conditions will be included in the ballot.
2. The Principal of St Matthew's Collegiate School will draw the ballot under the supervision of a SMOGA committee member and an independent supervisor.
3. If there are no suitable applicants in any year, SMOGA reserves the right not to award the Grant.

4. All unsuccessful application documents will be destroyed.

OTHER

1. A daughter, niece, or granddaughter of a current SMOGA committee member is eligible to apply; however, the related committee member must not be involved in the selection process.
2. These Terms and Conditions may be amended by resolution at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of SMOGA.
3. SMOGA reserves the right to terminate the Grant at any time at its sole discretion.
4. When available, the Grant will be advertised via the St Matthew's Collegiate School Old Girls' Magazine, the school website, and appropriate SMOGA social media platforms.

For further information, please contact:

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