The John Beaton Scholarship

John Beaton embodied personal and intellectual qualities which Melbourne High School aspires to instil in all its students. Known for his inquisitiveness and hunger for knowledge for its own sake, John is also remembered for a strong social conscience and outward-looking generosity: he was a young man of considerable empathy and love of life. His academic interest was particularly in science and technology, but was also much broader than this and included a deep affinity for English and the Arts.

Purpose: To inspire and support year 11 students to embrace their own passions and pursue the pleasure of original thought in their final years at MHS. As distinct from retrospective prizes in final assemblies, this prize looks to anticipate and encourage the creativity and innovation of the nominated student. The prize also seeks to encourage students to develop both their scientific and artistic skills.

The prize: $500 given annually *(i.e. for two years, in year 11 and year 12)* to a year 11 student for the purchase of books.

The scholarship will be presented at senior assembly, awarded and explained by a family member.

Applications: The scholarship applications close mid-November (after exams)

Selection: Teachers are invited to forward the names of candidates to the scholarship committee. Students are encouraged to submit applications to the scholarship committee addressing the selection criteria.

The recipient should embody these qualities:

- Passion for science and technology
- Strong commitment to, and development of skills in the arts*
- Determination to extend investigations to greater depth of analysis and problem solving
- Creativity and innovation
- Academic excellence
- Excellent and supportive teamwork

*Arts includes written, visual or performing arts