



## Chris Burks Memorial Bursary at the University of Otago

*Christopher George Burks (1973-1999) was a student at Carrington College from 1992 until 1996. Chris was Vice President of the Students' Association from 1993 to 1995 and President in 1996. He graduated from the University of Otago in 1996 with a BSc in Information Science and in 1997 with a BA in Psychology. Throughout his time at Carrington College Chris put himself second. His commitment first and foremost was to the Hall and all other residents. This generous spirit earned him the respect of both staff and students who came to realise his motives and actions were unselfish and always for the good of the Carrington community. Carrington College and the University of Otago are pleased to be able to offer this award to assist second year students with their academic progress at the University of Otago.*

### **Eligibility**

Candidates must be:

- In their second year of residence at Carrington College
- Considered to have made an exceptional contribution to the welfare of other students of Carrington College
- Enrolled full time for a first undergraduate degree at the University of Otago
- Under 25 years of age on the first day of February in the year of application
- History of contribution to other student's welfare, personality, and academic and leadership qualities will be the primary criteria by which recipients are selected.

### **Financial**

- The bursary has a value of \$3,000.

### **Tenure**

- The bursary may be held for one year only. The selection panel may, in exceptional circumstances, consider an extension of the award to more than one year provided that the scholar continues to be resident at Carrington College and makes satisfactory progress in all respects. This progress must include passing a minimum of 108 points each year unless there are mitigating factors that the Selection Panel may consider.
- Each bursary must be taken up in the year in which it is awarded.
- The Chris Burks Memorial Bursary may be held concurrently with another award, with approval of the Selection Panel.

### **Requirements**

The scholarship holder must:

- Agree to participate in the University of Otago mentoring programme
- Agree to act as a role model for his/her College community during the tenure of the bursary
- Submit a report on the progress of his/her studies to the Undergraduate Scholarships Officer by 1 December of the year they hold the bursary.

### ***Publicity***

Carrington College and the University of Otago reserve the right to use the names, photographs, and details of successful applicants for advertising and publicity. The bursary holders must agree to be reasonably available to participate in interviews and promotional activities if requested by Carrington College or the University of Otago.

### ***Application Process***

The applicant must submit

- An application form, including the name of two nominated referees.
- A statement (max 500 words), written by the applicant, outlining the qualities and extra-curricular activities, interests and achievements making them a worthy recipient of the bursary.

Application documents must be sent to the Scholarships Office, University of Otago, no later than 20 February.

Candidates may be required to present for a pre-selection interview.

The Selection panel includes the Warden and the Student President of Carrington College, a former resident of Carrington College (where possible a contemporary of Chris Burks) and a nominee of the Scholarships Committee.