AVONDALE CONSERVATORIUM NOEL CLAPHAM MEMORIAL PERFORMANCE PRIZE

Purpose of the Prize

This prize (est. 1999 initially as a scholarship) is in memory of Noel Clapham, head of the music department 1952-1957. Dr Clapham supported the development of music at Avondale through a balanced music program and oversaw the first onsite vocal recording as director of the Avondale Symphonic Choir.

Selection Criteria

The prize will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

1. A student about to commence the third or higher year of a BA or equivalent degree (including double degrees built on the BA) with a major, specialisation or double major in Music.
2. Primarily on the basis of solo and/or chamber ensemble performance as demonstrated in music units. Potential candidates for the award will be evaluated on the quality of their end-of-semester recitals and on the quality of their work in solo lessons, musicianship, masterclasses and large ensemble.
3. Subject to good academic grades in other components of the Music major, specialisation or double major and satisfactory results in non-music units of the degree.
4. The nominating committee may also consider:
   - Candidates’ overall contribution to the musical life of Avondale college
   - Other scholarship/awards (if any) held by potential candidates. The committee may give preference to candidates holding no other scholarships/awards.
5. The nominating committee reserves the right not to award the prize in any given year.

Administration of the Prize

1. Each year the Executive Assistant to the President (Prizes Coordinator) will confer with Avondale’s business office regarding the balance of the Clapham Memorial Scholarship Reserve, to ensure monies are available for the current year, then confer with the Director of Music. These monies are to accumulate until a principal of $32,000 is achieved to support 3 prizes. The Prizes Coordinator processes requested changes to the criteria.
2. The scholarship is conditional on the student’s continued enrolment in a BA or equivalent degree (including double degrees built on the BA) with a major, specialisation or double major in music for each semester to which the scholarship pertains. (The scholarship may be deferred with approval of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts for a maximum of two consecutive semesters.)
3. The prize shall be awarded only once to the same student.
4. Nominations for the prize shall be made by the Chair of the Faculty Learning and Teaching Committee in consultation with the Director of Music and the music lecturers. The Chair shall also arrange for a review of academic record of nominees for the prize. In the event of multiple students equally qualifying for the prize, this committee may use its discretion and share the prize between students. The name/s will be presented to the College Learning and Teaching Committee for final approval at least three weeks prior to the academic prizes presentation ceremony.

Sponsorship

The prize shall be for the value of $500 (determined annually on available funds) along with the recipient’s name engraved on the perpetual shield. The sponsorship is provided from the Clapham Memorial Scholarship Reserve. The Prizes Coordinator will arrange with Avondale’s business office for a cheque to be made out to the prize recipient.

Presentation of the Prize

The prize will be presented during the prizes presentation ceremony held annually in October. The Director of Music or their representative will present the prize along with a commemorative certificate.

Citation

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is awarded

for music performance excellence in the musical activities of the Avondale Conservatorium and integrity and initiative in associated academic and performance areas

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