

BLUEY TRUSCOTT SCHOLARSHIP

The Bluey Truscott Scholarship is awarded annually by the MHSOBA to two Year 10 students. The Scholarship recognises students who display all-round excellence in five areas: leadership; co-curricular involvement; sport; academic endeavour and results; and general school community involvement.

The Scholarship is awarded in memory of Squadron Leader Keith William Truscott, who was killed in an aircraft accident on 28 March 1943. Affectionately known as “Bluey”, Truscott is buried in Karrakatta Cemetery in Western Australia and his first Spitfire is on display at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. He was serving in the Pacific in defence of Australia at the time of his death, having previously survived the Battle of Britain. Although only 26 years old at the time of his death, he had already been awarded the DFC and Bar whilst serving in the Royal Australian Air Force.

During his time at Melbourne High School, Bluey Truscott was a Prefect, House Captain of Forrest and a member of the First XI and First XVIII. He played football for the MHSOBA and for the Melbourne Football Club, whose best and fairest award is named the Bluey Truscott Memorial Trophy. He was renowned for his sense of humour and practical jokes.

The Bluey Truscott Scholarship takes the form of a \$500 prize, \$250 of which is awarded at the end of Year 10 and \$250 at the end of Year 11. The Scholarship winners will also receive a medallion and have their names engraved on the bronze plaque in the School foyer, alongside some of the most distinguished students to have attended Melbourne High School.

Year 10 students are encouraged to apply for the Bluey Truscott Scholarship. Applications will open towards the end of the year.

In the meanwhile, students are encouraged to contact Jenny Mill, Student Welfare Coordinator at MHS. for further information about the Scholarship. If you would like to become involved in the MHSOBA’s activities throughout the year please contact Margie Burton in the MHSOBA Office.

