The scholarship is awarded in recognition of John Bolster. John Bolster arrived in Tweed Heads in 1951. He became an active member of the Catholic Parish of Tweed Heads. Together with his wife, Marie, he raised six sons. As there was no Catholic High School in Tweed Heads he sent his sons to boarding school for their secondary education.

He saw a need for a Catholic High School in Tweed Heads and assisted the Parish in acquiring a site in Banora Point.

Three scholarships are available to students who commence Year 7. Each scholarship will cover one third of the cost of school fees and building fund contributions to St Joseph’s College for each of the six years of the student’s education at the College.

Those who wish to apply for the John Bolster Scholarship will need to complete an application form which will be forwarded with enrolment acceptance letters. The application form will request that you provide the following information/documentation:

- List ways in which the applicant and applicant’s immediate family have contributed to the parish community.
- List ways in which the applicant and applicant’s immediate family have contributed to his/her present school community.
- List ways/areas in which the applicant and/or applicant’s immediate family have been involved beyond school and parish at a local community level.
- Provide a Confirmation Certificate.
- Provide a copy of the applicant’s latest school report.

Criteria on which the scholarships will be awarded is based on a combination of the applicant’s academic ability and his/her involvement in school, parish and local community activities.

Further information may be obtained from the Principal at the above address.