



CLONGOWES

CLONGOWES WOOD COLLEGE SJ

Alberto Hurtado Programme

The *Alberto Hurtado Bursary Programme (AHP)* is at the core of the Jesuit mission for Clongowes Wood College SJ. It was established in 2007 by the Board of Management and the Headmaster of the day, Fr. Leonard Moloney SJ, out of a concern for social justice and a desire to embrace the diversity of modern Ireland.

- Today, approximately 10% of students are part of the AHP.
- The AHP has been successful in delivering access to an outstanding living and learning environment to boys who would not be able to attend the college due to economic, social and cultural circumstances.
- Clongowes Wood College SJ does not benefit financially from this scheme.
- Benefactors including the Jesuit Province, the school, alumni, parents and friends of the College, fund bursaries.
- Families of those students in receipt of the AHP are expected to cover the costs of items such as schoolbooks, music lessons, school tours and day-to-day expenses.
- If a family is unable to cover ALL these costs, this should be discussed with the Programme Coordinator at the start of the school year.
- Students are not selected based on academic, sporting or musical abilities. They are chosen instead based on eligibility and suitability, family ambition and their potential to thrive in a boarding environment. Students come from all over Ireland and from families with significantly disadvantaged circumstances.
- Students are selected following a rigorous process, which may include some or all the following; A visit to Clongowes by the family; Assessment of the family's eligibility; A visit to the applicant's home and Students' come from significantly disadvantaged circumstances
- Almost all graduates from the AHP are studying at Third Level in areas such as Medicine (TCD), European Studies (Tallaght), Engineering (Cologne & UCD), Voice (RIAM), Commerce (UCD), Social Science (UCD), Pharmacy (UCD), Law (UCD) and Physics (Cambridge).