

Rory MacWilliam Memorial Scholarship



The Rory MacWilliam Memorial Scholarship was established in 2016. Rory grew up in a family that moved from place to place around Southeast Asia and Europe every couple of years. As a result of these transitions, he was very aware of what it was like to be the “new kid”. Rory became very good at making friends and, more importantly, he became very good at welcoming other “new kids”. This was very apparent within the rugby community. He was frequently the first person to greet new and old players. He mentored the less experienced players and encouraged everyone to keep a positive attitude on the field. He organized events with his club to strengthen the bonds between players and their families and contribute to the community off the field. He took a sincere interest in every player and was selfless and always willing to do what he could to comfort, support and encourage those around him. Rory would be proud to know that his legacy of support and encouragement are being paid forward and it is hoped that this legacy of support for others will grow with the actions of the recipient.

This scholarship has been endowed in Rory’s honor to reward the Aurora Saracens High School Rugby player that best exhibits the traits that Rory promoted:

- Welcoming new players to the team
- Mentoring younger players in both rugby skills and friendship
- Maintaining a positive attitude during games and practices
- Working hard and with purpose at training.

The scholarship will be a one time \$1,000 grant to be applied to college or a trade school. If the recipient is entering military service instead, a committee decision will be made on how best to apply the award. The winner will be decided by the coaching staff and members of Rory’s family and will be awarded at the end of each season.