

Introduction

Salvado Catholic College is committed to providing the best possible education it can for all students. As a College, we welcome the enrolment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from families seeking a Catholic Education for their children.

The College is providing an Aboriginal Secondary Student Bursary as part of our commitment to working with Aboriginal people. The College provides numerous opportunities for all students to participate in learning experiences that celebrate Aboriginal culture.

Selection Criteria

The following selection criteria form the basis for the determination of the recipient/s of the Aboriginal Secondary Student Bursary. The recipient/s of the Bursary will demonstrate:

- a family desire for a Catholic education
- a strong interest in learning
- regular school attendance
- a desire to attend a Catholic Secondary College.

NOTE: The student applying for this Bursary must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. References from Aboriginal Communities/Corporation would be most welcome.

* *The official definition of Aboriginality that is accepted by government and Aboriginal community is a three part definition.*

- 1. Is of Aboriginal (or Torres Strait Islander) descent*
- 2. Identifies as Aboriginal*
- 3. Is accepted as Aboriginal by the Aboriginal community in which he/she lives.*

Details and Value of the Aboriginal Secondary Student Bursary

- The Aboriginal Secondary Student Bursary will be provided to a maximum of two students per year in the secondary campus.
- The value of the Bursary will cover the student's annual tuition fee (see College Fee Schedule).
- The Bursary does not cover the cost of uniforms, booklist items, amenities or levies.
- Parents and Carers with a Health Care Card should provide a copy with the Application Form.
- There is a limit of one Aboriginal Secondary Student Bursary per family.
- The Aboriginal Secondary Student Bursary will be provided for the duration of the student's attendance at the College for a maximum of six (6) years, subject to an annual review.

Review Process

A review process for the Aboriginal Secondary Student Bursary will be conducted annually to ensure that the recipient has continued to conduct themselves in a manner that is in keeping with the expectations of the College. This review process will centre around the student's:

- attendance
- application in class and commitment to their studies
- behaviour in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and compliance with the College enrolment agreement
- example as a positive image of Aboriginal people in the College community.

In the event that the student's behaviour, attendance rate or application towards their studies is not in keeping with the College's expectations for continued receipt of the Bursary, the College will provide clear notification before any decision is made to withdraw the Aboriginal Secondary Student Bursary.

Selection Process

In awarding the Aboriginal Secondary Student Bursary, the College will form a panel that will assess the applications. The panel will consist of:

- Salvado Catholic College Principal (or delegate)
- Salvado Catholic College Head of Middle School
- Aboriginal Consultant (or similar) from the Catholic Education Western Australia Office **or**
- Other College representative/s at the discretion of the Principal.

Applicants will be required to participate in an interview with the panel.

Student Support

The College will have a comprehensive system of support for all its students that will involve the Pastoral Care Group Teacher, Subject Teachers, the Head of Middle School, the Student Wellbeing Coordinator and the support provided to the College by the Catholic Education Western Australia Psychology Team. The College has employed an Aboriginal Teacher Assistant who will also provide specific cultural and language support, learning assistance, liaison between parents/carers, school and the wider community, and the promotion of Aboriginal culture across the College community.

Application Form – [click here](#)

Applications close Friday 26 November, 2021