The Scots College
Sydney Australia

The Scots College Indigenous Education Scholarship

Dear Applicant

Thank you for enquiring about an Indigenous Education Scholarship at The Scots College. Our Program has grown in recent years and now provides places for around 20 Indigenous boys from across Australia to board at Scots.

We do not look for either outstanding academics or sportsmen, rather we seek two things: boys with a positive attitude who will make best use of every opportunity available to them at Scots and the backup of a family member who has a very strong commitment to the power of education.

We have high expectations for our Indigenous boys. We expect them to work hard in all areas of College life and find something they are passionate about and to give it their all to achieve success. This could be Music, Sport, Performing Arts, Academic, Pipes and Drums or Leadership.

We have Indigenous boys from Scots who have been Prefects, Heads of Houses, Deputy Head Prefects, Academic and Performing Arts prize winners, 1st XV Rugby team members and won their colours for outstanding achievement in many areas. We expect all applicants to carry on this tradition and find an area they too can excel with pride.

We provide a very high level of support for the Indigenous boys and encourage their parents and families to have a very close relationship with the College as well. We see an education at Scots as a journey that affects the boys' families, just as much as it affects the boys themselves. This family-College relationship helps the boys be happy, proud, successful young Indigenous men.

Young men who will become leaders at Scots, in their communities and in their chosen field of work.

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Indigenous Education Scholarship – Process of Application

Sponsorship

- Intakes are in Years 7 and Year 8 only.
- The bursary is funded by the following three bodies:
  - A private sponsor who commits to sponsor a boy throughout his time at the College
  - The Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF)
  - ABSTUDY, federal government funding.

Application

- Applications are to be received by 1 June in the year prior to enrolment.
- All applications need to include:
  - The Scots College Application for Enrolment
  - AIEF Scholarship Application Form, for students and families
  - a recent photo of the applicant
  - birth certificate
  - ATO notices of assessment for both parents
  - most recent NAPLAN results
  - most recent school report
  - immunisation records.

Selection Process

There is a three stage application process:

- Stage 1: Please complete:
  - the digital Application for Enrolment
  - the AIEF Scholarship Application Form – please scan and email the completed form with all relevant documents to Vice Principal – Administration, Mr Kevin Brennan at k.brennan@scots.college.
- Stage 2: A ten-day Sample Boarding Weekend, at the College for shortlisted applicants.
- Stage 3: Offers made to successful applicants.

Important Information

We take on three Indigenous students each year in Year 7 and occasionally one in Year 8 from 40 or more applicants and enquiries. Each scholarship is partly funded by a single private donor who commits to $35,000 a year for six years to cover a student from Year 7 to Year 12. The other half of the scholarship is covered by the AIEF and ABSTUDY. Annual fees at The Scots College for tuition and boarding, including uniform allowance are just over $60,000 a year. The AIEF also provide much valued input over and above their significant financial contribution.

All parents or families of Indigenous boys are expected to contribute an amount each year towards their son/s' education. This amount is relative to their household income. This sliding scale is set by the AIEF. For further information regarding parental contributions please contact us.

Contact

If you have any questions or would just like to discuss the application, please do not hesitate to contact Vice Principal – Administration, Mr Kevin Brennan at k.brennan@scots.college.