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INDIGENOUS SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

Application Form

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CANBERRA GRAMMAR SCHOOL ACKNOWLEDGES
THE NGUNNAWAL PEOPLE, TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS
OF THE LANDS WHERE THE SCHOOL IS SITUATED.

WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND RESPECT THEIR
CONTINUING CULTURE AND CONTRIBUTION THEY MAKE
TO THE LIFE OF CANBERRA AND THE REGION.

WE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OTHER FIRST NATIONS
PEOPLES ON WHOSE LAND WE GATHER.

ABOUT THE INDIGENOUS SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

Canberra Grammar School is proud to offer scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from rural, regional and metropolitan areas across Australia entering Year 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Canberra Grammar School's Indigenous Scholarships are merit awards. A shortlist of candidates will be selected for an interview with the Head of School (or his representative) and the Indigenous Scholars Programme Coordinator. The completed Scholarship application including school reports and associated documents will be considered when the interview shortlist is decided.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information about the CGS Indigenous Scholars Programme, please contact:

Mr Stuart McNeill

Indigenous Scholars Programme Coordinator

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applications must include the following information:

1. A completed Scholarship Application Form
2. Copies of the student's two most recent school reports
3. A copy of the student's most recent NAPLAN results
4. One personal reference which includes the referee's address and contact details
5. One reference from a member of the student's Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island community which includes the referee's address and contact details
6. A copy of the student's birth certificate; and
7. Evidence of application for ABSTUDY.

Application and supporting documents can be sent to:

admissions@cgs.act.edu.au

with the subject line 'Indigenous Scholars Programme Application'

or sent via mail to

Head of Admissions
Canberra Grammar School
40 Monaro Crescent,
Red Hill ACT 2603

If providing hard copies, please ensure documents included are not originals as they will not be returned.

SCHOLARSHIP EXPECTATIONS

Applicants will be identified by a mixture of potential, and their track record of current academic progress, family support, and their willingness to contribute to the Canberra Grammar School community.

Academics, Achievement and Commitment

Students should be able to demonstrate the following:

- Good homework habits
- Literacy and numeracy levels that will enable them to cope with the study load
- Outstanding achievement in at least one area, including sport, drama, music, leadership and/or academic studies
- A commitment to stay at Canberra Grammar School until the end of Year 12
- A positive attitude to learning
- An ability to adjust to a new learning environment and high academic standards; and
- An ability to relate well with people from many different backgrounds.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

In 2016 Canberra Grammar School partnered with the Podmore Trust to support the placement of our first Indigenous Scholar. In late 2018 administration of the Podmore Trust was handed over to the Canberra Grammar School Foundation – the philanthropic branch of the School – to continue its work in providing equitable opportunities to Indigenous students.

With the Podmore Trust established, it allowed the shared values, common interests and synergies of the two Foundations to work in parallel with the CGS Indigenous Scholars Programme. The CGS Foundation will continue the spirit of Podmore by returning opportunity to Indigenous children in the Canberra region by providing educational scholarships and access to leadership and sporting opportunities.

Two of the Indigenous Scholarships awarded are directly funded by the CGS Podmore Trust, and are named the 'CGS Podmore Warawitcha Scholarship' and the 'CGS Podmore Brigadier Damian Roche Memorial Scholarship'. You can read more about the CGS Podmore Trust (previously Podmore Foundation) at CGSFUNDATION.ORG.AU/PODMORE-FOUNDATION

The CGS Foundation facilitates the endowment of educational scholarships and access to leadership and sporting opportunities at our Red Hill campus for Indigenous students by subsidising academic and boarding fees for the full period of enrolment.

All selected scholarship recipients must be eligible for a full or part ABSTUDY allowance. Payment of the allowance is directed to the School to further cover tuition and boarding fees, with the remainder to be financed by a parental contribution. This financial obligation is a requirement of the programme as a demonstration of commitment to and support of the student's education at CGS.

The amount of the parental financial contribution is set by crosschecking the tax return from the previous year against the Scale of Parental Financial Contribution Schedule. The tax return must be provided to the School by 1 December before the start of the academic year.

Additional costs may be incurred by the parents for items such as social activities, musical instrument hire, and non-compulsory events and trips. A statement of account is sent each term via email detailing any fees and charges owing. A direct debit is required to be established and maintained with the School to cover these costs. Other personal costs, such as spending money, toiletries, hair-cuts, and phone bills, are to be covered by the family.

Applications for ABSTUDY are made through Services Australia and forms can be accessed at: SERVICESAUSTRALIA.GOV.AU/ABSTUDY

Administration of payment management is required to be authorised to the School when the Scholar starts at CGS.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION & SUPPORT

Scale of Parental Financial Contribution

As a part of the Indigenous Scholars Program, it is expected that families will make a financial contribution based on their ability to contribute. A suggested scale of parental financial contribution will be provided to applicants as a part of the applications process. If you require more information, please contact the Business Office at cgs.fees@cgs.act.edu.au or on +61 (2) 6260 9755.

What does CGS provide?

BOARDING FEES	Regular fees associated with boarding (less parental financial contribution)
TUITION FEES	Regular CGS tuition fees (less parental financial contribution)
UNIFORMS	A basic summer, winter and sport uniform package
TEXTBOOKS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	Purchase or hire of required textbooks and subscriptions
CO-CURRICULAR FEES	Summer and winter co-curricular activities covered up to \$500 each
BASIC STATIONERY	As identified in the list released by the School each year
SCHOOL CAMP FEES	All camp participation fees (not including clothing and toiletry costs)
TECHNOLOGY	One Notebook device (not including insurance)



CGS INDIGENOUS SCHOLARS PROGRAMME APPLICATION FORM

STUDENT INFORMATION

Given name(s):		Middle name(s):	
Family name:		Date of birth:	
Address:		Suburb:	
State:	Postcode:	Gender:	
Level of entry (eg Year 9):		Current school:	
Traditional Custodians:		Language group:	
Which Indigenous community do you belong to?			

Are there any previous family connections with CGS?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details:

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PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name:		
Occupation:	Relationship to student:	
Address:		
Home phone:	Work phone:	Mobile:
Email:		
Signature:		Date:

Isolated Children's Parents' Association Member: Yes No

Name:		
Occupation:	Relationship to student:	
Address:		
Home phone:	Work phone:	Mobile:
Email:		
Signature:		Date:

Isolated Children's Parents' Association Member: Yes No

STUDENT INFORMATION

Why is your Indigenous culture important to you? You can tell us about your family, country or community and why these are important:

List three things you are proud of:

1.

2.

3.

What kind of things do you like doing? You could tell us about your hobbies (things like art and music) or any groups you're a part of (like sports clubs or youth groups):

Tell us about your family:

What are your favourite subjects at school, and why?

What do you like about school?

Why do you want to attend Canberra Grammar School?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

REFEREES

Please attach two written references to your scholarship application and provide the referee's details below ensuring that you have:

- One personal reference from a sports coach, teacher or community member; and
- One reference from a member of your Indigenous community.

REFEREE 1

Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email:

REFEREE 2

Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email:

CHECKLIST

I have included the following documents in my application:

- Completed Indigenous Scholars Programme Application
- Two most recent school reports
- Most recent NAPLAN results
- A copy of my birth certificate
- Two written references

Student signature:	Date:
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