



Kolbe Catholic College

Year 7, 2019 Entry Aboriginal Scholarship Information

**Aboriginal Scholarship Application Forms are due back to
Kolbe Catholic College by Friday, 4 August 2017**

INTRODUCTION

Kolbe Catholic College is committed to providing opportunities for Aboriginal students to achieve outstanding educational outcomes from Year 7 to 12. We undertake to actively encourage Aboriginal families wanting a Catholic education in the Rockingham and Kwinana District for their children to attend Kolbe Catholic College.

The College is offering a Scholarship because of our commitment to work with Aboriginal people to assist in providing broad career opportunities for young Aboriginal people. We feel that the quality of education and pastoral support offered at Kolbe has had a profound impact on many graduates of the College, and has contributed to improved life choices. Continuing to provide opportunities for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people to interact positively within a Catholic school environment will also enhance the educational program of the College.

Kolbe Catholic College's scholarship program is fully funded by the College, with no money received from outside agencies. The College, therefore, makes a very real and significant contribution to assisting Aboriginal families with the education of their children.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Consideration may be given to the financial status of the applicant and their family.
- The student is to have a strong desire for a Catholic education.
- The successful applicant will live within the College's student catchment area (essentially this area is bounded by the Shires of Rockingham, Kwinana and Serpentine/Mundijong).
- The applicant should be willing to become involved in the College's co-curricular activities in accordance with the ethos of Kolbe Catholic College.
- The student is to be entering Year 7 in 2019.

DETAILS AND VALUE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship covers half the cost of the annual tuition fees for the duration of a student's schooling at Kolbe Catholic College, as long as the student's performance is acceptable (see Review Process in this document for further information).

- At least two scholarships are awarded at the commencement of Year 7.
- Each scholarship will be awarded for a period of up to six (6) years, renewed on an annual basis, subject to a satisfactory review (see below).
- The value of the scholarship shall be the cost of half the tuition fees, e.g. 50% of \$3,434, which equates to \$1717 in 2017 for those who pay full tuition fees.
- Parents are expected to meet the costs of compulsory charges, i.e. subject levies, camp fees and excursions.

Uniform and books

The cost of uniforms and books (including an iPad) are the responsibility of the parents/guardians. The College operates new and second-hand clothing shops on site.

The Bookhire Levy covers all subject text books, manual and creative arts consumables, photocopying and printing of information distributed to students by subject teachers, Student Diary and the College Year Book.

Music

Instrumental music tuition is not part of the Scholarship Program as music tutors need to be paid in addition to class teachers. Instrumental music tuition is an additional item.

The Accounts Receivable Officer, Mrs Monique Munro (9591 4210) is able to provide information about, and assist with, all financial matters.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Kolbe Catholic College understands that Aboriginal students may experience some cultural isolation and may also require extra academic assistance. To make the transition easier for Aboriginal students the following support mechanisms are offered:

Aboriginal Teaching Assistant

Aboriginal Teaching Assistant (ATA), Mrs Lisa Dann, is a staff member at the College. Her role includes working in the classroom as a professional Teaching Assistant, supporting the Aboriginal Studies program and liaising between the school and the Aboriginal Community. The purpose of the Aboriginal Teaching Assistant is to establish strong links among Aboriginal families, Aboriginal students and school staff.

AIME Program

The College operates in conjunction with AIME to support the learning needs of all indigenous students.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Selection Panel will use the information supplied by the families to short list candidates. Successful applicants will be invited to the College for an interview.

Composition of Selection Panel:

- Aboriginal Teaching Assistant
- Kolbe Catholic College Principal or representative
- Aboriginal consultant (or similar) from the Catholic Education Office **OR** a staff member representative from the College Pastoral Care Committee

REVIEW PROCESS

For each recipient, the following factors will be considered in reviewing (on an annual basis) the continuation of the scholarship:

- Attendance
- Compliance with the Standard Enrolment Agreement
- Continuing to provide a positive image of Aboriginal people to the school community.

Each scholarship is to be reviewed on an annual basis by the College Principal who may choose to consult the staff mentor and/or a member of the local Aboriginal community, as appropriate.

Feedback on the Scholarship Program will be provided to each recipient and their family on an annual basis.

In circumstances of continued bad behaviour or continued lack of effort in studies, the scholarship may be withdrawn. In such a case, parents/guardians will receive clear warnings. Each student's progress will be reviewed at the end of each term.

APPLICATION FORMS

Scholarship applicants are to complete the Aboriginal Scholarship Application Form and include copies of two most recent Academic School Reports. No application fees will apply to scholarship applicants.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on the Kolbe Catholic College Aboriginal Scholarship process please contact the Personal Assistant to the Principal on (08) 9591 4205.

Information regarding Kolbe Catholic College, including present fee structure and charges, please visit the College website www.kolbe.wa.edu.au