



KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Aboriginal Scholarship



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OUR VISION

To grow lifelong learners inspired by Jesus to help transform the world.

OUR MISSION

To build an authentic learning community that is rich in diverse opportunities enriched by Catholic values.

OUR VALUES

The **COURAGE** to live out God's mission of service and love.

Practice our **FAITH** by loving God and others with all our heart.

Aspire to **EXCELLENCE** so that we grow our talents and shine our light for all to see.

INTRODUCTION

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At Kolbe Catholic College we are committed to provide opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Year 7 to 12 to achieve outstanding educational outcomes. We actively encourage families, wanting a Catholic education for their children in the Rockingham and Kwinana District, to consider Kolbe Catholic College.

The College is offering an annual scholarship to work with and assist families in giving broad career opportunities to young Aboriginal people. We believe that the quality of education and pastoral support at Kolbe has a profound impact on many

students of the College, and contributes to improved life choices. Providing opportunities for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people to interact positively within a Catholic school environment also strengthens our educational program and promotes cultural awareness and inclusivity at the College.

Kolbe's Aboriginal Scholarship program is fully financed by the College, with no funds received from outside agencies. As a College we appreciate the opportunity to contribute to assisting Aboriginal families with the education of their children.

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DETAILS OF SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for Kolbe Catholic College's Aboriginal Scholarship applicants must fulfill the below conditions:

- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander decent.
- Enter Year 7 in 2026.
- Strong desire for Catholic education.
- Live within the College's catchment area (Rockingham, Kwinana and Serpentine/Mundijong).
- Become involved in the College's co-curricular activities in accordance with the ethos of Kolbe Catholic College.

Consideration may be given to the financial status of the applicant and their family.

VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

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

At least two Aboriginal Scholarships are awarded each year at the commencement of Year 7.

Each Scholarship will be awarded for a period up to six years (Year 7 to 12), and renewed on an annual basis, subject to a satisfactory review.

The value of the Scholarship is the cost of half the tuition, eg \$2,134 in 2024 for those who pay full tuition fees. Families who are eligible for other concessions, eg HCC Tuition Fees Discount Scheme, should note that only one discount is applicable.

Families are expected to meet the costs of compulsory charges, ie subject levies, camp fees, excursions and iPad rental.

UNIFORM AND BOOKS

The cost of uniforms and stationery are the responsibility of the parents/guardians. The College has a Uniform Shop on site.

The Resource Levy covers all subject text books, manual and creative arts consumables, photocopying and printing of information distributed to students by subject teachers, the Student Diary and College Yearbook. iPads are rented from the College and charged on your school fee accounts.

MUSIC

Instrumental music tuition is not part of the Scholarship as music tutors are paid in addition to class teachers. Instrumental music tuition is an additional item and is available from \$1,050 per year. Further information is available via the music department.

The Accounts Receivable Officer is able to provide further information and assist with all financial matters.

STUDENT SUPPORT

At Kolbe we understand that Aboriginal students may experience some cultural isolation and may require academic assistance. To make the transition from primary to secondary school easier the College offers the following support:

TEACHING ASSISTANCE

To support Aboriginal students in the classroom and beyond. Kolbe Catholic College employs Aboriginal Liaison Education Assistant, and proud Noongar woman, Mrs Lisa Dann. Her role includes working with students in the classroom as a professional Teaching Assistant, supporting the Aboriginal Studies program and liaising between our College and the Aboriginal Community.

With the aim to strengthen cultural awareness and inclusivity Mrs Dann establishes strong connections among Aboriginal families, Aboriginal students, school staff and the wider Kolbe community.

HOMEWORK CLUB

The College runs an after school homework club on Wednesdays from 3.15pm to 4.30pm.

Students from all year levels have access to afternoon tea and a supervised classroom environment for study and homework with support from visiting teachers.



APPLICATION PROCESS

SELECTION PROCESS

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

Composition of Selection Panel:

- Aboriginal Liaison Education Assistant
- College Deputy Principal
- Community Member
- Aboriginal consultant (or similar) from Catholic Education Western Australia OR a staff member representative from the College Pastoral Care Committee.

REVIEW PROCESS

All Aboriginal Scholarships are 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.

For each recipient, the following factors will be considered in reviewing 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.

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

In circumstances of continued poor behaviour or 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.



APPLICATIONS

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

Aboriginal Scholarship Application Forms are due back to the College by Friday 3 May 2024.

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.

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

ABORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Year 7 2026 Closing date: 3 May 2024

Please attach copies of applicant's two most recent Academic School Reports and their full Birth Certificate to this application form.

STUDENT DETAILS

Student Surname:

Student First Name:

Date of Birth: Gender: Female / Male

Family Group:

Address:

Suburb: State: Postcode:

Current School:

Are there any previous connections with Kolbe Catholic College? YES NO

If YES add Name, Year(s) and relationship to student

CAREGIVER DETAILS

FATHER

Name:

Address:

Phone: Email:

MOTHER

Name:

Address:

Phone: Email:

GENERAL INFORMATION

Remarks regarding involvement in Church or religious activities (eg Sacraments).

A general statement regarding the applicant's academic performance.

What additional support, if any, is the applicant likely to require to maximise achievement at Kolbe Catholic College?

PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO COMPLETE

Outline your main reasons for seeking a scholarship for your child to attend Kolbe Catholic College.

As a Parent you are invited to support the application for your child's scholarship. (You may refer to the qualities your child will bring to the College and the type of education you hope or believe we can offer your child.)

APPLICANT (STUDENT) TO COMPLETE A, B, C, D & E

A. Tell us about your family and country.

B. Why would you like to be a student at Kolbe Catholic College?

C. Who is your favourite role model, and why?

D. List three things you are proud of.

E. What do you like doing? Please tell us about your hobbies eg sports, music, dance, cultural activities or community/youth groups.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

STUDENT (APPLICANT) SIGNATURE:

