

**PUBLIC EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION**  
2013-14 ANNUAL REPORT











## JENNIFER NEARY CHAIR'S REPORT

The Public Education Foundation (PEF) is a young and exciting organisation launched in March 2008. Central to our mission is supporting public school students and teachers with scholarships. The PEF helps students, particularly those facing individual challenges, to realise their full potential.

The Foundation works in collaboration with schools, communities, business and government to achieve its purpose to:

- Provide scholarships for students and teachers in public schools.
- Provide funding for enhanced educational opportunities, outside of the normal core provision of public education, for public education students, but especially for students with a particular education need; and
- Enhance the value and reputation of public school education

I am delighted to be reporting on another year of growth for the Foundation, with the most recent round of scholarships providing \$350 000 in assistance to more than 100 students.

Increasingly, we are seeing applications for scholarships from States other than New South Wales, and the most recent round included the granting of more than 30 scholarships in the Australian Capital Territory.

During the year we said goodbye to our CEO Verity Firth, and I thank her for her efforts in getting the Foundation onto a healthy footing. I thank too Catherine Cresswell, who has worked tirelessly for the Foundation, and welcome Nathan Rees as the incoming CEO (commencing October 2014).

At our Annual awards night in May we heard from one of the great success stories of public education, Michael Kirby. His inspirational remarks were heard by students from right across the State there to receive their awards. We will be holding this event again in 2015.

I would like to especially thank the sponsors of our events and programs, in particular the NSW Department of Education and Communities, the NSW Teachers Federation, Teachers Mutual Bank, Teachers Health Fund, Unions NSW, Lenovo and Microsoft who provided laptops to many of the scholarship winners.

Of course we only exist because of the generous support from individuals and organisations in our community. To enable the Foundation to continue its important work of showcasing the talents of our public school students through scholarships and awards, we rely entirely on corporate and community goodwill. I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support; we look forward to continue working with you all in the years ahead.

JENNIFER NEARY, CHAIR



## NATHAN REES CEO'S REPORT

I'm delighted to present the 2013-14 Annual Report for the Public Education Foundation.

Having settled in over recent months I've been moved and impressed by the generosity of donors, and also the work of our staff. I thank Catherine Cresswell for her time as Acting CEO, and also Sanzeeda Ali and Deb Schofield for their ongoing efforts for the Foundation.

There is little doubt that the scholarships we administer make an enormous difference to the lives of the applicants. Every assessment panel member can tell of extraordinary stories of courage, hope, resilience and determination. Our job at the Foundation is to make sure these students get practical assistance of real substance.

There is enormous community support for public education. Over the coming year we will sharpen our advertising processes, gather more community support, and hand out more life changing scholarships.

The Foundation is in a sound financial position, and has increased the total value of scholarships provided from \$149 000 in 2011-12, to \$358 000 in 2013-14. Administration expenditure remains well below the sector standard, at around 10% of total donation receipts.

All our donors, sponsors and corporate supporters deserve thanks. Without you, there wouldn't be any students benefitting. I have seen first-hand the difference your generosity makes, and you can be assured that you are changing lives.

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NATHAN REES, CEO

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## 2014 PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2013-14, 109 students, 3 teachers and 6 principals were awarded Public Education Foundation Scholarships. Many of these scholars will be supported through to 2015 and in some cases beyond. Another 20 students received a special commendation for their outstanding effort and achievement.

The Foundation also provided ongoing support for 27 students as part of the previous year's scholarship intake.

The Public Education Foundation scholarships awarded in 2013-14 year include:

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### THE CAPITAL CHEMIST CENTENARY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

provide support to ACT college students in their final year of school. In 2014, scholarships were awarded to students at each of the ACT's nine secondary colleges and two specialist secondary schools.

**TOM CONNELL**  
**ETHAN MITCHELL**  
**BRADLEY SUITOR**  
BLACK MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

**LENNON GIBBONS**  
**GEORGINA HOLT**  
**KATE RANKINE**  
CANBERRA COLLEGE

**REBEL DELBOUX-FERMOR**  
**CHRIS HONE**  
**ABRAM KAMARA**  
DICKSON COLLEGE

**RHIANNON LEETHAM**  
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**DIMITRI YIALELOGLOU**  
UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA  
SENIOR SECONDARY  
COLLEGE

**REECE LEE**  
**JODIE MCLENNAN**  
**EMERALD SIMS**  
THE WODEN SCHOOL

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### CONSERVATORIUM HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

supporting a number of scholarships that have arisen from bequests to support students through their education at the Conservatorium High School.

**JOHN MCCORMACK**  
**VICKI RUMSEY**  
**GEOFF BAILEY**  
CONSERVATORIUM  
HIGH SCHOOL

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### EMORGO FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FOR MUSIC

supporting a talented young musician commencing study at the prestigious Conservatorium High School.

**OLIVER GOLDING**  
ARTAMON PUBLIC SCHOOL

## FINANCE AND ENERGY EXCHANGE (FEX) GROUP SCHOLARSHIP

supporting public school students with an interest in economics and finance. The scholarship provides financial support, an internship for a week at the FEX Group offices in Sydney and a tour of the FEX Market Site.

### CAMERON JONES

DENISON COLLEGE OF  
SECONDARY EDUCATION

### CLARE LAWLOR

WAGGA WAGGA HIGH  
SCHOOL

### SPECIAL COMMENDATION

#### MATIN WAFÄ

HOLROYD HIGH SCHOOL

**THE FIRST SEEDS SCHOLARSHIP** provides financial support to an outstanding senior high school student taking the first step towards developing a successful career.

WINNER

### KATIE WARD

TULLIBIGEAL CENTRAL  
SCHOOL

### MICHELLE HUANG

HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL  
HIGH SCHOOL

### SHARNAE KENNEDY

LAKE ILLAWARRA HIGH  
SCHOOL

### SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS

#### SAHRO ABDIKADIR

HOLROYD HIGH SCHOOL

### KAHLEAH JACKSON

EAST HILLS GIRLS  
TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

### STEPHANIE ANA TWALORO

NAICORI  
AIRDS HIGH SCHOOL

### TARA BYRNE

KYOGLE HIGH SCHOOL

### JESSICA JENKINS

CASULA HIGH SCHOOL

### EMMA SCHOFIELD

BLAKEHURST HIGH SCHOOL

**FRIENDS OF ZAINAB SCHOLARSHIP** provides support for Year 11 and 12 students from a refugee background, helping them through the critical HSC years. The tertiary scholarship provides financial assistance for a student's first two years of full time university or other study.

### FAHIMA AHMADI

### MUHAMMAD AL MAMOURI

### SAHR CONTEH

### SAMIRA HUSSAINI

### HUSSAIN JAFFARI

### ANGELA OMARI

### ILYAS OMARI

### ASRA SAFFAR

MERRYLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

### ZAENAAB AHMADI

### WASIM RAHIM

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SCHOOL

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### BU MEH

### PLAE MEH

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COLLEGE

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BANKSTOWN SENIOR  
COLLEGE

### TEU HATZAW

KEIRA HIGH SCHOOL

### MOHAMMAD HUSSAINI

### MOHADASEH JAFARI

### ELAF KHALEEL

### MOHAMMED KHALEEL

### SYED MOSAWI

### ALIBABA SABIRI

HOLROYD HIGH SCHOOL

### ABDULIA JALLOL

CANTERBURY BOYS HIGH  
SCHOOL

### MI KAI LAGWI

WAGGA WAGGA HIGH  
SCHOOL

### GOBI MAHAT

### GOMA MAHAT

ALBURY HIGH SCHOOL

### ATOOSA NOORALIZADEH

### ASL

PRAIRIEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

### KABIR SAFARI

ARTHUR PHILLIP HIGH  
SCHOOL

### BONGOR SANNOH

CHIFLEY COLLEGE

### ABRAHAM TEREFE

KEIRA HIGH SCHOOL

### SPECIAL COMMENDATION

#### BASHIR YOUSUFI

HOLROYD HIGH SCHOOL



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## 2014 PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

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### **HARVARD CLUB OF AUSTRALIA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP JAN LEVETT SCHOLARSHIP FOR DRAMA**

allow principals of government primary and secondary schools to undertake a short professional education program at Harvard Graduate School of Education.

HARVARD CLUB OF AUSTRALIA  
EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

#### **JENNIFER GREEN**

BOOROWA CENTRAL  
SCHOOL

#### **CHRISTINE HILLS**

GLENMORE STATE PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

#### **MALCOLM MCFARLANE**

BOWRAVILLE CENTRAL  
SCHOOL

#### **ANDREW PEACH**

BUNDAMBA STATE  
SECONDARY COLLEGE

#### **KAYLENE RIGAS**

CAMBRIDGE PARK HIGH  
SCHOOL

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SCHOLARSHIP

#### **JOHN GOH**

MERRYLANDS EAST PUBLIC  
SCHOOL

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### **THE TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**

encourages students to pursue a career in trades or technology. It provides support through years 11 and 12 and may provide further support should the student continue to study trades or technology at TAFE or other tertiary institution.

#### **JARROD HOOKEY**

CANTERBURY BOYS HIGH  
SCHOOL

**MALALA YOUSAFZAI SCHOLARSHIP** supports hard working students in the middle years of secondary school who have a strong belief in the power of education to change lives.

WINNER

#### **CHLOE CURTIS**

EAST HILLS GIRLS  
TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS

#### **NATASHA ASIF**

BEVERLY HILLS GIRLS HIGH  
SCHOOL

#### **BENEDICT KAYEMBE**

KEIRA HIGH SCHOOL

#### **PROFITA KEO**

PRAIRIEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

#### **DANIEL LANE**

PENRITH HIGH SCHOOL

#### **PO KAI LAGWI**

WAGGA WAGGA HIGH  
SCHOOL

#### **VANESSA TRAN**

PRAIRIEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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### **MAMMA LENA & DINO GUSTIN SCHOLARSHIP**

encourages students to pursue the study of Italian language. The scholarship provides a five-week intensive Italian language course in Rome through EF International, with all accommodation and airfares provided.

#### **FRANCESCA SMITH**

WADE HIGH SCHOOL

#### **LAUREN CANTA**

PRAIRIEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL





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## THE MEDICH FOUNDATION ELIZABETH H BLACKBURN WESTERN SYDNEY SCHOLARSHIP

encourages western Sydney students to pursue a career in a medical related field. It provides financial and other support through years 11 and 12

### WINNERS

**ANNA CHUNG**

**JARITA LAY**

PRAIRIEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

**RAHUL MENON**

**MATTHEW RAMIREZ**

PENRITH HIGH SCHOOL

### SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS

**ELLEN EAGER**

CAMPBELLTOWN

PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL

**ZAINAB NASEER**

LIVERPOOL GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

**MANO RATANAVONG**

PRAIRIEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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## PREMIER'S TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS

winners undertake a five week study tour in one of 14 scholarship categories. The Public Education Foundation administers the funding for a number of the successful Government school applicants

**JACQUI BOON**

NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

**GENEVIEVE SLOCOMBE**

DUNOON PUBLIC SCHOOL

**KRISTOPHER WRONA**

CHESTER HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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## JOAN AND DAVID WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP

in memory of Joan and David Williams for students from Marsden High School.

**JOHN BORG** (CONTINUING SCHOLAR)

**DARWOOD ELHAI**

MARSDEN HIGH SCHOOL

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**PINPOINT SCHOLARSHIP** supports girls in early high school to achieve their potential.

**SAFIAH ARIFAKI**

**NADIA BAHA**

**ROIHANI NADJAMUDDIN**

**VY HOANG**

**ANGELINE KOSENA**

**JESSICA LI**

**MANDY VU**

BANKSTOWN GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

**NATASHA ASIF**

BEVERLY HILLS GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

**EMILY CAMPTON**

EASTS HILLS GIRLS TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

**AMANI FARAJ**

**NOOR FATTAL**

KINGSGROVE HIGH SCHOOL

**MADELINE GEORGE**

BOWRAL HIGH SCHOOL

**PATRICIA GRECH**

MERRYLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

**EMILY JURAC**

WESTFIELDS SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL

**BENEDICT KAYAMBE**

KEIRA HIGH SCHOOL

**NATASHA KEJIC**

WESTFIELDS SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL

**KATHERINE MICHAILIDES**

**SABRENE NAJIB**

KINGSGROVE HIGH SCHOOL

**ANNA TRAN**

CANLEY VALE HIGH SCHOOL

**MICHELLE TRAN**

**VANESSA TRAN**

PRAIRIEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

**BRITNEY TUCKER**

CAMPBELLTOWN PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL

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## 2014 PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

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### THE WALTER AND ELIZA HALL TRUST OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FOR A STUDENT WITH A PHYSICAL DISABILITY

provides support to assist students with a physical disability as they make the transition from high school to tertiary study.

**SAMUEL FORD**  
GUNGAHLIN HIGH SCHOOL

**OLIVER HUNTER**  
ALBURY HIGH SCHOOL

**KATE THOMAS**  
GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL

**THE BIG PICTURE EDUCATION AUSTRALIA  
SCHOLARSHIP** supports students who are eligible to enrol at the Big Picture School, Cooks Hills Campus. The scholarship provides support for students of high merit, who may need assistance to reach their potential.

**TIANA BINSKIN**  
**KAITLIN BOYCE**  
**TAYLA MULLEN**  
**JACK WILTON-KING**  
COOKS HILL CAMPUS

### UNA MAY SMITH ABORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIP

designed to give Aboriginal students access to financial support throughout their education.

(CONTINUING SCHOLARS)  
**LYNEAH PEARL MASON**  
NARRABRI PUBLIC SCHOOL

**WILLIAM PATRICK  
FREESTONE**  
MANILLA CENTRAL SCHOOL

**UNIONS NSW SCHOLARSHIP** supports students studying curriculum subjects such as Economics, Business Studies, Legal Studies and Modern History

**BASHIR YOUSUFI**  
HOLROYD HIGH SCHOOL

**MITCHELL REID**  
KYOGLA HIGH SCHOOL





## CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

On the evening of 20 May, the Public Education Foundation celebrated another successful year in style at our Annual Awards night held in the newly refurbished Sydney Town Hall.

The night brought together key public education supporters, education leaders and school communities to celebrate excellence in public education and to acknowledge the outstanding achievements and efforts of the 2014 Public Education Foundation scholarship winners.

Close to 1000 people attended the evening's celebrations, enjoying inspiring speeches and outstanding student musical performance and dance presented by The Arts Unit of the NSW Department of Education and Communities.

VIP guests included the Hon Adrian Piccoli MP, NSW Minister for Education and Dr Michele Bruniges AM, Secretary of NSW Department of Education and Communities. The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG provided the keynote address and Bashir Yousuf, a year 12 student and former refugee, provided an inspiring speech about how public education has provided him with both hope and the opportunity for a very bright future.

Performers included the NSW Public Schools Symphonic Wind Orchestra, NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company, NSW Public Schools Junior Singers and Kelsi Boyden from Newtown High School of the Performing Arts.

It was very inspiring to see the faces of our many award recipients and to know that the Foundation is making a positive difference to so many lives.

To everyone who contributed to the evening, either by volunteering their time, assisting on the night or by making a donation to the Foundation, thank you so much. A big thank you to Auntie Fay Carroll for providing the Welcome to Country and to Angela Catterns for being our Master of Ceremonies.

We would like to extend our thanks to the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore for generously providing a Lord Mayoral Reception for scholarship recipients and key sponsors prior to the awards presentation.



## 2014 HIGHLIGHTS



## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE EVENT SPONSORS:

The 'Celebration of Public Education and Annual Awards Night' was proudly supported by the NSW Teachers Federation, NSW Department of Education and Communities, Teachers Health Fund, Teachers Mutual Bank and the City of Sydney.

Generous support was also provided by Lenovo, the Australian Council of State School Organisations, the NSW Secondary Principals Council, the NSW Primary Principals Association, Microsoft, Officeworks and other partners. Thanks to The Arts Unit of the NSW Department of Education and communities for their invaluable assistance in staging this event



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## HARVARD CLUB OF AUSTRALIA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Harvard Club of Australia Teachers Mutual Bank Scholarship and Harvard Club of Australia Education Scholarship provide principals of government primary and secondary schools with the opportunity to undertake a short professional education program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education in the USA. Each Scholarship is valued at approximately \$10,000 and includes tuition fees for one of two Harvard Graduate School of Education programs, plus airfares and accommodation.

We were delighted to award this scholarship to six outstanding school principals from a diverse range of schools this year. All demonstrated great vision and determination to make a difference for their communities.

Congratulations to Malcolm McFarlane from Bowraville Central School, Kaylene Rigas-Maraziotis from Cambridge Park High School, Christine Hills from Glenmore State Primary School, Andrew Peach from Bundamba State Secondary School and Jennifer Green from Booroowa Central School.

We are grateful to our generous sponsors for making this opportunity possible, including the Teachers Mutual Bank, the Harvard Club of Australia and a number of generous individual supporters. Thanks also to the selection panel members including Patrick Regan, President of the Harvard Club of Australia.



## 2014 HIGHLIGHTS



## ARTS EDUCATION FOUNDATION TRUST

The Arts Education Foundation Trust was established to raise and provide funding for NSW public school based programs and events which are open to the public and aimed at the development and promotion of the creative arts in the community.

During 2013, oversight of the Arts Education Foundation Trust was transferred to the board of the Public Education Foundation. As a result, the board was delighted to announce support for the NSW Public School Aboriginal Dance Company through the Trust in the 2013 – 2014 financial year.

The NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company members are selected following an extensive series of workshops held across regional and metropolitan NSW. The selected students travel from across the state to rehearse and perform under the expert tuition of Bangarra Dance Theatre Artists in Sydney and participate in performances throughout the year, including the Schools Spectacular.

The Public Education Foundation is proud to be associated with this program which has provided opportunities for many talented young performers to shine.



# PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION



## NEW LOGO AND WEBSITE

In early 2014, the Public Education Foundation undertook a review of branding and communications leading to the development of a new look logo and website.

The new logo reflects the enthusiasm and energy of our organisation while the new responsive website allows supporters to interact with us across all digital platforms, including via smartphone, tablet, desktop and i-devices. It also simplifies the application process allowing applicants to view scholarship information and lodge applications electronically, if this is their preference. In this way we continue to make our scholarship offerings more accessible for school communities and our supporters.

If you have not viewed the new site, we encourage you to have a look:

[www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au](http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au)

You might like to sign up for our regular e-newsletter, apply for a scholarship or join us on social media, including Facebook and Twitter.



## 2014 HIGHLIGHTS



## ACT PARTNERSHIP & AWARDS CEREMONY

In 2013 the Public Education Foundation was delighted to cross the state border, launching a new partnership with the ACT Education and Training Directorate. As a result we were able to extend our scholarship offerings to students, teachers and principals in schools in the ACT.

Our first ACT scholarship was awarded to Samuel Ford of Gungahlin High School who received the Walter and Eliza Hall Trust Opportunity Scholarship for a student with a Physical Disability. Samuel was awarded \$6000 to assist with his education expenses as he makes the transition to university.

We had the great pleasure of working with the wonderful people at Capital Chemist to select and award 32 outstanding ACT senior students with the Capital Chemist Centenary College Scholarships. An awards ceremony was held on the evening of 12th March at the John Curtin School of Medical Research with the students receiving their awards from the ACT Minister for Education Ms Joy Burch and the Chair of Capital Chemist, Mr Roger Tall.

Congratulations to all of the ACT scholarships winners and thanks to the ACT Directorate for their continued support.



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## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ON THE MOVE

It was an exciting year for the Foundation with the first student winners of the Mamma Lena and Dino Gustin Foundation Scholarship traveling to Rome to undertake a five week intensive course in Italian language. The scholarship winners, Anna Green of Blaxland High School and Marley Young of Penrith High School were delighted to be the inaugural winners of this scholarship.

Students travelled from regional NSW to take up the Jan Levett Scholarship for Drama. For the two winners, Rebecca Macrae from Kyogle High School and Sian Murphy of Albury High School, it was the chance of a lifetime, allowing them to participate in intensive workshops and view performances at some of our leading theatre companies. A big thank you to Belvoir St, Sydney Theatre Company and PACT Theatre who provided opportunities for these scholars. Also to Joy Smithers who took time to talk to the girls about a career in the performing arts.

Other scholarship winners undertook work experience at the FEX Market Site in Sydney as part of the FEX Group Scholarship and the Sydney Observatory as part of the Stellar Scholarship for Girls.

Staff of St George Banking Group provided mentorship to a number of scholarship winners, providing on-going encouragement and support to a group of students with a particular interest in banking and finance.

Finally, many students travelled to Sydney for our annual awards night held at Sydney Town Hall in May. For some it was their first visit ever to the city!



## 2014 HIGHLIGHTS



## PARTNERSHIPS

The Public Education Foundation works in partnership with a number of organisations that share our vision of providing opportunities for students in public schools.

During 2013, we were a founding partner in Need to Succeed (NTS), a broad-based group of educators, not-for-profits, parents and professional associations who have joined together to support the implementation of needs-based, sector-neutral school funding as recommended in the 2011 Review of Funding for Schooling (the "Gonski" review). [www.needtosucceed.org.au](http://www.needtosucceed.org.au).

We partnered with Teachers Health Fund to develop a new scholarship to support leaders in remote schools and with Teachers Mutual Bank to offer the Teachers Mutual Bank Harvard Club of Australia Scholarship.

We were a founding partner in the establishment of Australian Schools Plus, a new charity that will allow additional opportunities for disadvantaged schools to obtain philanthropic support. [www.schoolsplus.org.au](http://www.schoolsplus.org.au)

We also worked with NSW Family and Community Services to promote the Housing NSW Youth Scholarship Program. The FACS HSC Youth Scholarship Program assists eligible young people living in social housing or on the

NSW Housing Register to complete their HSC or TAFE equivalent. Two hundred scholarships were awarded for 2014, each consisting of a one-off payment of \$2,000 administered by the school or TAFE College on behalf of the student.

Thanks to the generous support of Mr Kim Williams AM, we were able to provide a number of scholarships to outstanding students attending Marsden High School, West Ryde.

In early 2014, the Public Education Foundation took on the co-ordination and management of a range of awards for the NSW Department of Education and Communities:

- Minister's Award for Excellence in Student Achievement
- Minister's Award for Excellence in Teaching
- Secretary's Award for Excellent Service
- Secretary's School Achievement Award
- Public School Parent of the Year Award

Winners were presented with their awards by NSW Education Minister, Adrian Piccoli and the Secretary Department of Education and Communities, Dr Michele Bruniges AM at a ceremony held on Wednesday, 5 November at Parliament House, Sydney.

## THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS & INTERNS!

The Public Education Foundation could not operate without the support of the many volunteers and interns who so generously donate their time and expertise throughout the year.

This year we would like to thank in particular Deborah Schofield, John Ward and Jade Grieve. Also Sasindu Gamage and Emily Hughes who assisted us during the January university break.

We would also like to thank those who assisted by sitting on selection panels. This included Mary-Lou O'Brien, Dr Robert Curry, Bronwyn Hession, Dorothy Hoddinott AO, Eva Cox, Cara Varian, Ivana Smaniotto, Ricky Campbell-Allen, Patrick Regan, Enri Parolin, Deborah Carr, Alan Melrose, Prof Wendy Hu, Amber Daines and Alexandra Giomeos.

Staff members of St George Bank participated in a mentoring program during the year, offering support and guidance to a group of students preparing for their final year exams. Thanks to those staff for giving so generously of their time and to St George Bank for partnering in this program.

Finally, a big thank you to the students of the following schools who volunteered at our events during the year; Fort St High School, Sydney Secondary College – Blackwattle Campus, and Tempe High School and to Aunty Fay Carroll, who has so kindly provided the Welcome to Country for these occasions.

## INTERN PROGRAM

We are proud to partner with CAPA International Education for our intern program. The interns provide office support for a period ranging from 6 weeks to 3 months, gaining valuable work experience while assisting us in our day to day operations. We would like to thank our interns for the 2013 – 2014 year, Lisa Anderson of the University of California Davis, Tayla Greenblatt of the University of Pittsburgh and Trinny Terazas of the University of Albany.

If you are interested in interning or volunteering at the Foundation, please do not hesitate to call us on 02 9266 8681 or email us at: [info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au](mailto:info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au).

## PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION AMBASSADORS

The Public Education Foundation utilises expert advisors through advisory committee structures to assist in the design and delivery of our programs. We are grateful for the time and expertise provided so freely by our Ambassadors.

**MS BRONYWN BANCROFT,**  
Aboriginal Artist and Designer

**MR JONATHAN BIGGINS,**  
Actor

**MS ANGELA CATTERNS AM,**  
Broadcaster

**MR JOHN DAUTH AO LVO,**  
Former Australian High  
Commissioner to the United Kingdom

**MS NAHID KARIMI,**  
Student

**THE HON MICHAEL KIRBY AC CMG,**  
Former Justice of the High Court of  
Australia

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## 2013-14: REVENUE & EXPENDITURE

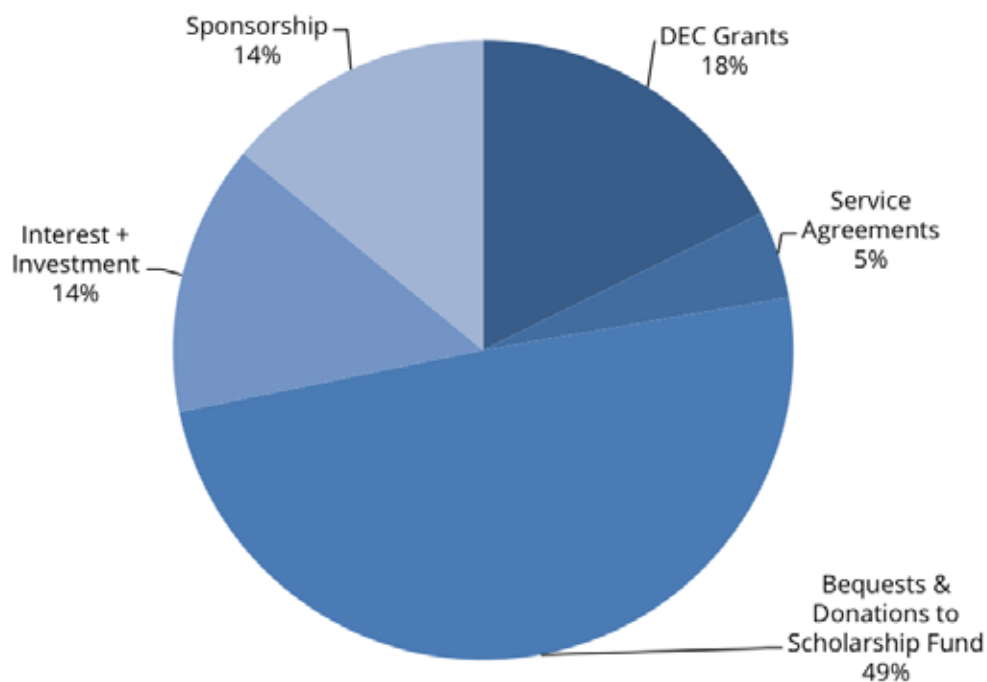
The Public Education Foundation is generously supported by the NSW Government of Education & Communities who provide a grant to fund staffing and operational costs. Eighteen percent of the Foundation's revenue is received through this grant.

In 2013-14, the Foundation also received funding through an agreement with the ACT Education and Training Directorate.

The remainder of the Foundation's revenue is made up of donations, service agreements, money earned through the investment of the Foundation's funds and sponsorships.

The Public Education Foundation's total revenue for 2013-14 was \$724,962.

### REVENUE 2013-14

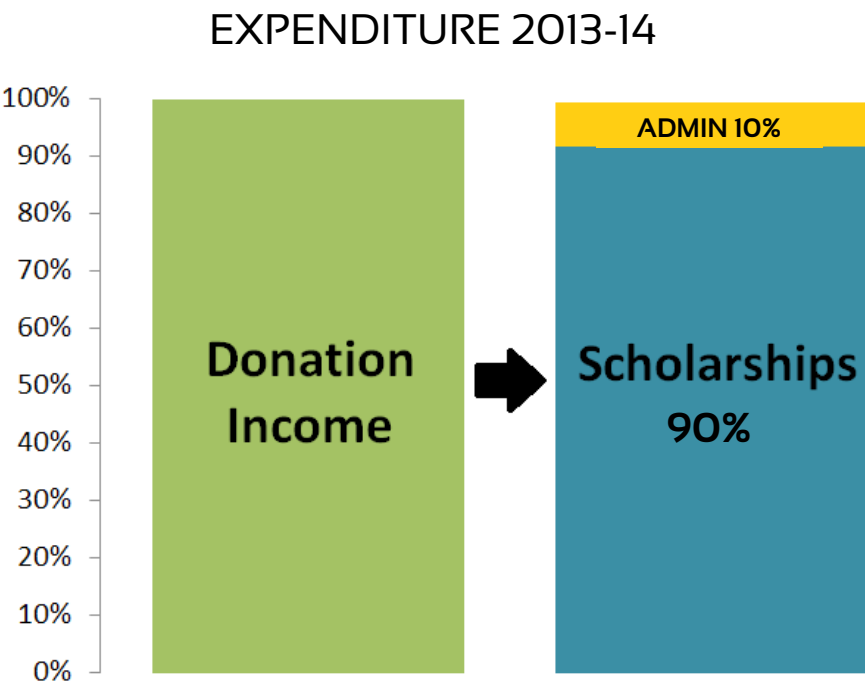


At the Foundation we ensure that 90% of donations go directly towards our Scholarship Fund and are distributed to students, teachers and principals in the form of scholarships. No more than 10% of donations income is used for administrative expenses.

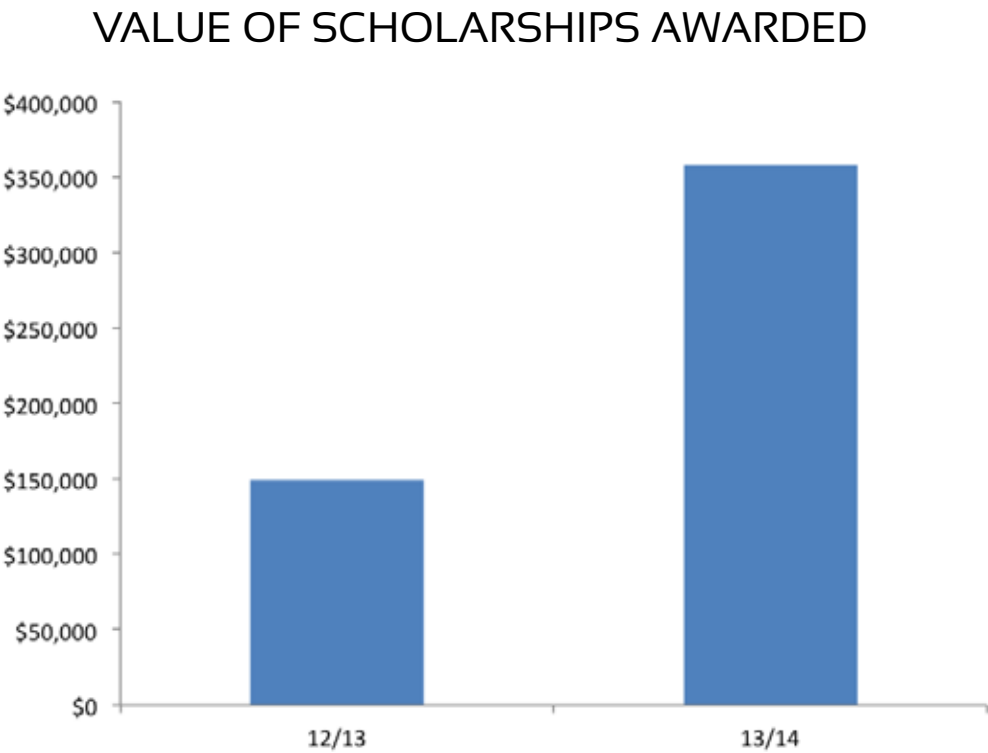
Donations to the Scholarship Fund are either distributed in the year received or kept in reserves to be applied to future scholarships.



In 2013-14, the total donations amount received by the Foundation was \$359,070.



In 2013-14, the Foundation awarded 111 scholarships, valued at \$357,971.



# PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT - 30 JUNE, 2014

The following financial information has been extracted from the 2014 Financial Report which can viewed on our website: [www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au](http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au)

## Public Education Foundation Ltd Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income As at 30 June 2014

	Notes	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>Revenue</b>	2	782,320	554,671
Other income		(7,721)	7,978
<b>Expenses</b>			
Scholarship expenses		(357,971)	(148,715)
Employee benefits expense		(203,738)	(211,221)
Auditors remuneration	3	(9,500)	(9,850)
Finance costs		(2,211)	(2,060)
Website development expense		(108)	(1,572)
Other expenses		<u>(91,885)</u>	<u>(58,104)</u>
<b>Surplus before income tax expense</b>		109,186	131,127
Income tax expense	1(b)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Surplus after income tax expense for the year attributable to members of the Foundation</b>		109,186	131,127
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year</b>			
Available-for-sale financial assets	12(d)	<u>73,551</u>	<u>17,579</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to members of the Foundation</b>		<u>182,737</u>	<u>148,706</u>

**Public Education Foundation Ltd**  
**Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income**  
As at 30 June 2014

	Notes	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	214,230	386,145
Held-to-maturity investments	5	-	-
Trade and other receivables	6	32,786	38,977
Total current assets		<u>247,016</u>	<u>425,122</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Intangible Assets	7	17,150	-
Available-for-sale financial assets	8	1,769,561	1,392,126
Total non-current assets		<u>1,786,711</u>	<u>1,392,126</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>2,033,727</u>	<u>1,817,248</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	9	173,788	108,964
Employee benefits	10	4,792	4,180
Total current liabilities		<u>178,579</u>	<u>113,144</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Other payables	11	30,204	61,897
Total non-current liabilities		<u>30,204</u>	<u>61,897</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>208,783</u>	<u>175,041</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1,824,944</u>	<u>1,642,207</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained earnings	12	255,390	204,512
Scholarship reserve	12	1,502,056	1,443,748
Grant reserve	12	-	-
Available-for-sale financial assets reserve	12	67,498	(6,053)
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>1,824,944</u>	<u>1,642,207</u>



**Public Education Foundation Ltd**  
**Statement of changes in equity**  
For the year ended 30 June 2014

	Retained earnings \$	Scholarship reserve \$	Grant reserve \$	Available-for- sale financial assets reserve \$	Total equity \$
<b>Balance at 30 June 2012</b>	<b>150,774</b>	<b>1,332,143</b>	<b>34,216</b>	<b>(23,632)</b>	<b>1,493,501</b>
Total comprehensive income for the year	131,127	-	-	17,579	148,706
Transfer from retained earnings to scholarship reserve for scholarship income received but unexpended during the year	(111,605)	111,605	-	-	-
Transfer from grant reserve to retained earnings to cover expenses incurred during the year	34,216	-	(34,216)	-	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2013</b>	<b>204,512</b>	<b>1,443,748</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(6,053)</b>	<b>1,642,207</b>
Total comprehensive income for the year	109,186	-	-	73,551	182,737
Transfer from retained earnings to scholarship reserve for scholarship income received but unexpended during the year	(58,308)	58,308	-	-	-
Transfer from grant reserve to retained earnings to cover expenses incurred during the year	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2014</b>	<b>255,390</b>	<b>1,502,056</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,498</b>	<b>1,824,944</b>

**Public Education Foundation Ltd**  
**Statement of cash flows**  
For the year ended 30 June 2014

	Notes	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from donations and grants		717,930	555,184
Payments to suppliers and employees		(309,476)	(272,806)
Payments to scholarship recipients		(339,596)	(148,715)
Interest received		666	2,412
Interest paid		(2,211)	(2,060)
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	13	<u>67,313</u>	<u>134,015</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Dividend, interest and distribution income received		90,753	68,759
Proceeds from sales of held to maturity financial assets		-	500,000
Payment to purchase of available-for-sale financial assets		(523,094)	(1,318,769)
Payment to purchase of intangibles		(18,375)	-
Proceeds from sales of available-for-sale financial assets		<u>211,489</u>	<u>741,662</u>
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities</b>		<u>(239,227)</u>	<u>(8,348)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(171,915)	125,667
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<u>386,145</u>	<u>260,478</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	4	<u>214,230</u>	<u>386,145</u>

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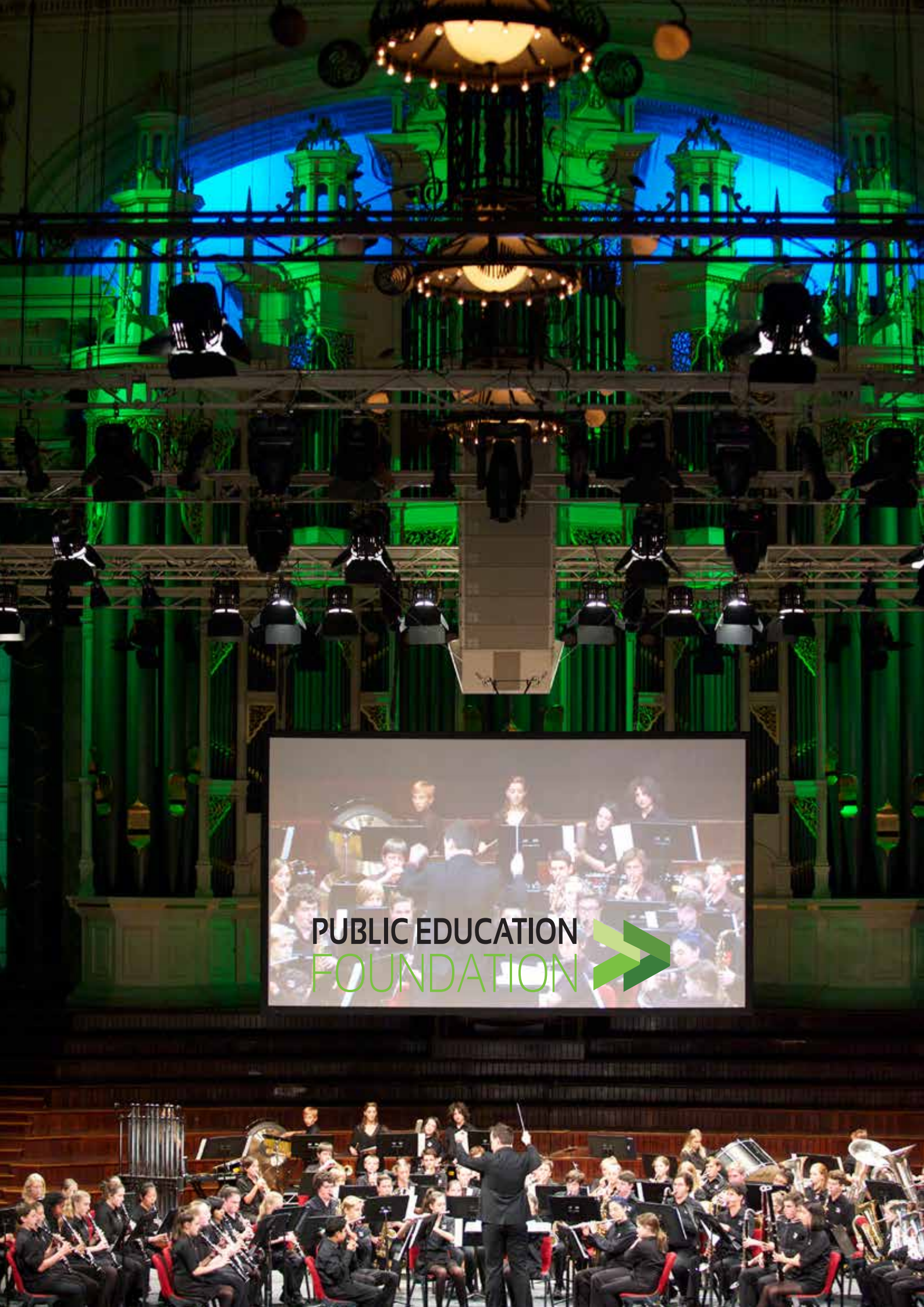
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