

PUBLIC EDUCATION
FOUNDATION



Annual Report *2015-16*





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PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Public Education Foundation is a charity dedicated to providing life-changing scholarships to young people in public education, their teachers and principals.

The Foundation is supported by the NSW Department of Education and works in collaboration with schools, communities, the private sector and the government to support students achieve their full potential at a public school, while enhancing the value and reputation of public school education.

To find out more about our work please visit our website:

www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au



Chair Report

It has been a significant year for the Foundation, as we continue to strengthen our scholarship program. Since the Foundation started disbursing scholarships in 2012, we have supported 600 students and 41 educators. By the time the 2017 scholarships are awarded this figure will grow to over 800 students and over 50 educators in the public education system.

At the Foundation's annual awards ceremony in May we were able to celebrate the distribution of more than \$450,000 in scholarships and awards for students and staff in public schools. This achievement reflects the generosity of donors and sponsors - together with the relationship we share with like-minded organisations such as the Harding Miller Education Foundation.

Students attending this year's ceremony were able to draw inspiration from Nobel Prize winning speaker Professor Brian Schmidt AC, Vice Chancellor ANU. Professor Schmidt reinforced the relationship between hard work, opportunity and timely support. These fundamentals align with the life impact of our scholarships, particularly for the large number of hard working students who, through circumstances beyond their control, need a little extra help in order to reach their goals. It is gratifying to see the wonderful progress students are able to demonstrate with the support of scholarships.

As recognition of excellence in public schooling, this year we introduced special awards for NSW HSC students who topped their course in major subject areas.

It was also a pleasure to represent the Foundation at the awards ceremony in the ACT and see first-hand what is being achieved with the help of major supporter, Capital Chemist.

We have now reached a stage where students assisted by the Foundation are moving into further study and careers. A great example is Aboriginal student Will Freestone who received a scholarship

while attending Manilla Central School in rural NSW. Will wrote to the Foundation earlier this year: "To those who donate, you turn dreamers into achievers, turn hopeless thoughts to hope. I would not be at university studying without your support. I hope Una May Smith (whose bequest funded Will's scholarship) is looking down from the Dreamtime above and is proud of what she sees in me....in the dreamland. PS. I have now gained selection into Medicine. Yes, Yes, Yes."

Similar sentiments have been provided by Yasmeen Alhaddad from Brunswick Secondary College who received a Friends of Zainab Scholarship and is now studying human nutrition at La Trobe University and Ginan Issa of Cambridge Park High School who received a Susan & Isaac Wakil Foundation Scholarship and is now studying law and psychology at the University of New South Wales.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank our long serving Board member and award winning author Libby Gleeson who has completed her time on the Board, most recently in the position of Acting Chair. We also thank the outgoing CEO Nathan Rees for his contribution and appreciate his desire to maintain a strong relationship with the Foundation.

It has also been a year of opportunity and change. A restructure has enabled us to align a number of part-time staffing arrangements with our core business. We welcome David Hetherington to the position of Executive Director. The Board and supporters are also delighted to have Michelle Stanhope in a new role as General Manager along with Melanie Morrison, Marketing and Communications Manager and Alison Matheson as Office Manager

My personal thanks are extended to my fellow Board members who provide a tremendous range of skills and expertise. In particular I have appreciated the support and counsel provided during my first term as Chair.

Chris Ryan
Chair, Public Education Foundation



Executive Director Report

It is a privilege to present the 2015-16 Annual Report for the Public Education Foundation. It has been a year of growth for the Foundation, and in turn, this has allowed us to extend our support to hundreds of extraordinary students, teachers and principals across Australia.

Of course, this support would not have been possible without the generosity and commitment of our wonderful donors. We are immensely grateful to longstanding donors for their ongoing support, and to new ones for their trust in choosing us to channel philanthropy across public education.

In the 2015-2016 financial year the Public Education Foundation, together with its partners, awarded scholarships to 196 students, two teachers and seven principals, which is the highest number of scholarship awarded per year to date. Many of these students have received a multi-year scholarship and will be supported into 2017 and beyond. The Foundation also provided ongoing support for 67 students as part of previous years' scholarship intake.

The Foundation awarded three scholarships for current principals to attend an intensive course in leadership at Harvard University. The selection process for the Harvard Scholarships is extremely competitive, and without exception all recipients have found the course life changing.

Strong relationships with forward-thinking organisations like the Harvard Club of Australia, in the area of principal leadership, and the Harding Miller Education Foundation, in supporting disadvantaged girls, are critical to the Foundation's work.

This year's Annual Awards night allowed us to recognise scholarship recipients and to enjoy tremendous performances from performing arts students in NSW public schools: sincere thanks to the NSW Department of Education for their support for our major night.

In recognition of outstanding teaching and learning in NSW Public Schools, the NSW Department of Education and the Public Education Foundation were honoured to present over 50 students,

teachers, schools and members of the school community with the Minister's and Secretary's Awards for Excellence in September 2015.

This year we have introduced a new scholarship management system which has greatly improved our capacity to administer and evaluate applications. I acknowledge the commitment of the entire PEF staff in maintaining such an effective operation while achieving significant growth. Michelle Stanhope deserves particular credit for her efforts.

Since joining the Foundation in October 2016, I've been working with the Board and staff on developing the organisational strategy for the Foundation for the next three to five years. We anticipate this will involve further expansion of our core business of scholarships, while exploring opportunities to support public education through advocacy, research or innovation.

Along with the entire Board and staff, I'm enormously excited about the tasks ahead. Watch this space!

David Hetherington
Executive Director



2016

Scholarship

Recipients

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The Foundation also provided ongoing support to 67 students as part of previous years' scholarship intake.

The Foundation's 15-16 Scholarship Recipients include:

APRA AMCOS SCHOLARSHIP (NEW IN 2016)

Supports students who are currently studying a composition major as part of their music extension studies and who intend to continue studying composition at a tertiary level.

Oscar Eager
Bellingen High School
Jonah Smith
Yass High School

AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE OLYMPIAD SUMMER SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Supports an outstanding student to attend the prestigious and highly competitive Australian Science Olympiad Summer School.

Daniel Ho
James Ruse Agricultural High School

CAPITAL CHEMIST COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Provides support to ACT college students in their final year of school.

Matilda Dowse
Jonah Lafferty
Emma Hardwicke
Canberra College
Katrina Gibbins
Dickson College
Peter Mason
Sarah Fowler
Matt Vardanega
Erindale College
Rhiannon Schembri
Grace Robson
Anita Zovac
Gunghalin College

Jonah Morris
Emily Fisher
Blake Daniel
Hawker College
Maximilian Claessons
Paris Lome
Edith Meli
Lake Tuggeranong College
Daniel Simpson
Nur Fikriyah Ihsan
Kailin Odium
Melba Copland Secondary School
Lily Bryant
Douglas Donnelly
Adam Onus
Angela Patajo
Jeremy Tsuei
Narrabundah College
Lachlan Allum-Walsh
Lilian Longman
Dana Pye
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College
Shane McEwan
Thomas James
Jensen Mendoza
The Woden School

CONSERVATORIUM HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Supports a number of talented students through their education at the Conservatorium High School.

Yenlamtarn Clarke
Rebecca Hong
Ryan Nguyen
Ethan Pang
Jasper Rasmussen
Ricardo Valverde
Dorothy Wu
Alison Zhuang

EMORGO SCHOLARSHIP FOR MUSIC

Supports a talented young musician commencing vocal or woodwind study at the Conservatorium High School.

Alyssa Chalmers
Monique Murphy
Conservatorium High School

FIRST SEEDS SCHOLARSHIP

Provides financial support to a senior high school student taking the first step towards developing a successful career.

Irene Da Costa
Casula High School
Helena Ly
Hurlstone Agricultural High School

FRIENDS OF ZAINAB SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP

Helps support Year 11 and 12 refugee students through the critical years of their HSC and also provides financial assistance for a student's first two years of full time university study.

Elizabeth Abaaho
Merrylands High School
Tahira Abdul Ali
Holroyd High School
Ruqayah Abed
Cabramatta High School
Mohamed Ahmad
St Mary's Senior High School
Merna Alqas-Elyas
Epping Secondary College
Sundos Atasi
Casula High School
Neda Bahrami
Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School
Parissa Bahrami
Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School
Maryana Donkha
Cabramatta High School
Fatuma Dorlleh
Chifley College, Mount Druitt Campus
Zeinab Imaninejad
Holroyd High School
Qahir Jaffari
Merrylands High School
Rahma Jama
Charles La Trobe College
Soraya Jamshidi
Holroyd High School
Zahra Kamali
Holroyd High School
Narayan Khanal
Murray High School
Ja Ing Lagang
Wagga Wagga High School
Vinny Mbula Ekamba
Holroyd High School
Zabihullah Merzaei
Holroyd High School
Maryam Moravedah
Charles La Trobe College
Sayed Mosavi
Strathfield South High School
Sayed Mousawi
Holroyd High School

Jaelle Nyeninganji
Holroyd High School
Sita Poudel
Albury High School
Kamran Qayumi
Strathfield South High School
Asif Sakhidat
Strathfield South High School
Samina Samina
Arthur Phillip High School
Achel Twarabishimye
Holroyd High School
Moe Win
Merrylands High School
Abdel Younes
Liverpool Boys High School
Abdullah Zahedi
Lyndale Secondary College

FRIENDS OF ZAINAB TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP

Helps support year 11 and 12 refugee students through the critical years of their HSC and also provides financial assistance for a student's first two years of full time university study.

Nada Adam
Tarneit Senior College
Jawad Ahmadi
Wanganui Park Secondary College
Yasmeen Alhaddad
Brunswick Secondary College
Zainab Ashrafi
Chester Hill High School
Zual K Lal Than
Wagga Wagga High School
Tahira Karimi
Dickson College
Fadi Mansoor
Bankstown Senior College
Mithuna Murukayan
Holroyd High School
Hussain Rezaie
Lyndale Secondary College
Soghra Sayyadi
Liverpool Girls High School

GEOFFREY FALKENMIRE SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN ADULT LITERACY (NEW IN 2016)

Acknowledges the achievements of a high performing student undertaking the Tertiary Preparation Certificate.

Lilian Adamson

TAFE Western Sydney Institute –
Wentworth Falls Campus

HARDING MILLER EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Provides practical support to lift educational outcomes and career aspirations of high potential girls.

Zainab Al-Faham

Granville South Creative and
Performing Arts High School

Aleisha Alford

Bellingen High School

Emily Alman

Banora Point High School

Madison Alman

Banora Point High School

Manar Al-Oqaide

Bonnyrigg High School

Ashlea Anderson

Chatham High School

Brianna Annesly-Brideson

Chatham High School

Shaza Ayoubi

Bankstown Girls High School

Ebony Bartlett

Riverstone High School

Cleo Ber

Burwood Girls High School

Chyenne Cameron

Kempsey High School

Hollie Cooling

Lightening Ridge High School

Amelia Corcoran

Narromine High School

Kawana Crowe

Nambucca Heads High School

Emily Curtis

Hay War Memorial High School

Rebekah Dallinger

Narrabeen Sports High School

Negeen Daudi

Merrylands High School

Jtaya Davis

Gunnedah High School

Marlie Farmer-Foster

Wollumbin High School

Karlie Gaff

Hunter River High School

Lana Gan

Prairiewood High School

Tyler Glossop

Denison College – Bathurst
Campus

Elly Gooch

Nambucca Heads High School

Marvyen Goyone

Greystanes High School

Montana Hargreaves

Corowa High School

Mykaisha Haynes

Glenwood High School

Cherise Hoang

Sydney Girls High School

Lauren Hoang

Prairiewood High School

Julie Huynh

Chester Hill High School

Amy Ibbott

Coonamble High School

Kylie Ingram

Casula High School

Fereshta Jamshidi

Birrong Girls High School

Shauny Kaluza

Tamworth High School

Rebecca Kapinga

James Fallon High School

Asal Khalaf

Birrong Girls High School

Kother Khalad

Bankstown Girls High School

Vanessa Lam

Sydney Girls High School

Linda Le

Prairiewood High School

Madison Littlejohns

Chatham High School

Tran Lu

Prairiewood High School

Louisse Madden

Prairiewood High School

Anna Mai

Cabramatta High School

Tahlya Manu

Prairiewood High School

Madison Marshall

Coolamon Central School

Jasmine-Maree McKenzie

Lithgow High School

Mayfair Mensah

Lurnea High School

Rebecca Merton

Wollumbin High School

Emily Muir

Mount Austin High School

Ngan Nguyen

Prairiewood High School

Trish Nguyen

Cabramatta High School

Valentina Perez

Bankstown Girls High School

Lillian Pham

Prairiewood High School

Lillianne Pham

Prairiewood High School

Roshanak Prasad

Prairiewood High School

Sienna Quinane

Banora Point High School

Marissa Robinson

Peak Hill Central School

Sabrina Sadek

Bankstown Girls High School

Alana Sargood

Bowral High School

Suchanan Sriwongwan

Chatham High School

Lent-Shyane Taverio

Chifley College, Dunheved
Campus

Juliana Tieng

Cabramatta High School

Holly Towner

Chifley College, Shalvey Campus

Kayla Travers

Callaghan College, Waratah
Technology Campus

Sonia Tse

Sydney Girls High School

Caitlyn Vidovic-McCarthy

Airds High School

Kim Vo

Prairiewood High School

Janice Vong

Prairiewood High School

Alyssa Waldon

Banora Point High School

Kelsey Williamson-Leslie

Bellingen High School

Wilhelmina Zhang

Elderslie High School

Yu Zhang

Greystanes High School

Teresa Zhou

Sydney Girls High School

HARDING MILLER EDUCATION FOUNDATION SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Practical support to lift educational outcomes and career aspirations of high potential girls.

Nora Al-Katify

Airds High School

Queenie Nguyen

Bankstown Girls High School

Tanya Truong

Bankstown Girls High School

J HOLDEN FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FOR MUSIC

Supports talented young musicians commencing study at the Conservatorium High School.

Prarthana Rao

Conservatorium 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.

Emily Muir

Mount Austin High School

Highly Commended

Tamana Asadullah

Coffs Harbour High School

Rhyley McClenahan

Mount Austin High School

MAMA LENA & DINO GUSTIN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Encourages students to pursue the study of Italian language. The scholarship provides winners with a five week intensive Italian language course in Rome.

Elizabeth Gioia

Hunter School of the Performing Arts

Max Cleversly

Macksville High School

MEDICH FOUNDATION'S ELIZABETH H. BLACKBURN WESTERN SYDNEY SCHOLARSHIP

For an outstanding senior Western Sydney student who is interested in pursuing a career in medical science.

Heidi Hampf

East Hills Girls Technology High School

PATRICIA LONG CONSERVATORIUM HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Provides ongoing support to a talented young musician for the duration of their attendance at the Conservatorium High School.

Cowen Zhang

Conservatorium High School

PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS FOR NSW HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXCELLENCE (NEW IN 2016)

Recognises the achievements of students from NSW public schools who have come first in their subject as part of their Higher School Certificate.

Pola Cohen

Sydney Girls High School

Sung-Chan (David) Kim

Sydney Boys High School

Eric Lai

Girraween High School

Leonard Mah

Sydney Boys High School

Rishikesan Maran

North Sydney Boys High School

Caitlin Semsarian

St George Girls High School

SUSAN AND ISAAC WAKIL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP (NEW IN 2016)

Supporting students who have enthusiasm for and ambition in a field they might otherwise be prevented from entering. This scholarship supports students entering their tertiary or vocational education.

Mitchell Catania

Prairiewood High School

Jack Day

Albury High School

Ginan Issa

Cambridge Park High School

Mathew Pelz

Prairiewood High School

Zoe Sibbald

Nyngan High School

Rand Younes

Liverpool Girls High School

TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

Encourages senior students to pursue a career in trades or technology.

Joel McCubben

Moruya High School

Mariam Yaqow

Fairfield High School

UNA MAY SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

Supports a junior Aboriginal student to successfully complete schooling and progress to future tertiary education.

Davis Stanley
Ettalong Public School

UNA MAY SMITH SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Supports a senior Aboriginal student to successfully complete schooling and progress to future tertiary education.

Issaraha Braun
Merrylands High School

UNIONS NSW SCHOLARSHIP

Supports outstanding public school students studying curriculum subjects such as Economics, Business Studies, Legal Studies and Modern History, with an interest in unionism and social justice.

Kacey Jackson
Kempsey High School

Cassandra Malouf
Gosford High School

Kirsten McMahon
Kellyville High School

Pimwadee Polhill
Figtree High School

VORSAY SCHOLARSHIP (NEW IN 2016)

Providing support and encouragement for public primary school students entering year 2 in 2016, throughout their time at primary school.

Kody Bojarski
Bossley Park Public School

Joet Collier
Lake Albert Public School

Highly Commended

Henry Crowe
Burke Ward Public School

WALTER AND ELIZA HALL TRUST OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

Provides support to assist students with a physical disability make the transition from high school to tertiary education.

Bailey Hudson
Melville High School

Claire McGregor
Hawker College

Rory White
Camden High School

PREMIER'S TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIPS

Offers successful educators the opportunity to undertake a five week study tour. The Foundation administers the funding for a number of the successful government school applicants.

Carla Dale
Sara Redfern Public School,
sponsored by Anika Foundation

Cale Wallace
Callaghan College, Wallsend
Campus,
sponsored by Anika Foundation

HARVARD CLUB OF AUSTRALIA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Allows Principals of governments schools to undertake a short professional education program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Corrine McMillan
Cavendish Road State High School

Simon Mulready
Floraville Public School

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION & CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SA) HARVARD CLUB OF AUSTRALIA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Chris Brandwood
Warriappendi School

Graham Clark
Whyalla High School

Olivia O'Neill
Brighton Secondary School

Tammy Williams
Cummins Area School

TEACHERS MUTUAL BANK HARVARD CLUB OF AUSTRALIA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Clayton Reedie
Dalmeny Public School



Celebrating Public Education

At the Public Education Foundation's Annual Awards Night on May 18, we celebrated the remarkable contribution made by leaders, school communities and students in our public schools.

Over 200 scholarships were awarded in the stately Sydney Town Hall. Among our very special guests were The Hon Leslie Williams, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Assistant Minister for Education, Mr Peter Riordan, Acting Secretary of the Department of Education and ANU Vice-Chancellor, Professor Brian Schmidt AC.

Attendees enjoyed inspiring speeches and impressive musical performances by students and dancers from The Arts Unit of the NSW Department of Education. Performers included the NSW Public Schools Junior Singers, NSW Public School Stage Band and Schools Spectacular Backing Vocalists.

In the keynote speech Nobel Prize recipient Professor Brian Schmidt AC applauded the achievements of the students and reiterated the vital role public education plays in a strong, democratic society.

Clayton Reddie, Principal of Dalmeny Public School and the 2016 Teachers Mutual Bank – Harvard Club of Australia Education Scholarship recipient, acknowledged the excellence in public education and said, "to the students who have gained recognition on this stage tonight for your work, your amazing talent, your diversity, your resilience, success and dedication: congratulations. You continue to amaze us, inspire us, motivate us and remind us just how lucky we are to be public school educators."

A big thank you to NITV presenter, Kris Flanders, for providing the Acknowledgement of Country. And to our Master of Ceremonies, the ever entertaining Wendy Harmer, for engaging the audience with her energy and good humour.

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. The Public Education Foundation extends a very special thanks to all our event sponsors. Without their ongoing support the annual awards night would not be possible.



Minister's and Secretary's Awards for *Excellence*



In recognition of outstanding teaching and learning in NSW Public Schools, the Public Education Foundation on behalf of the NSW Department of Education presented the Minister's and Secretary's Awards for Excellence. The awards were held at a ceremony at NSW Parliament House in Sydney on September 20, 2016.

Minister for Education, The Hon Adrian Piccoli MP, was joined by the Department's new Secretary, Mr Mark Scott AO, as they presented over 35 students, schools, teachers and individuals from around NSW with awards in the following six categories:

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

"These awards affirm the high standards we hold in NSW public schools," Mr Piccoli said. "It highlights the tremendous contribution that students, teachers, principals and the school community make to public education in NSW as we strive for learning and teaching excellence."

MINISTER'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Jumana Al Sudani
Prairiewood High School
Ellie Bright
Lambton High School
Ashleigh Campbell
Inverell High School
Alexandra Dennis
Wagga Wagga High School
Amrit Dhanushkoti
North Sydney Boys High School
Olivia Flower
Northern Beaches Secondary College
Mackellar Girls Campus
Andrew Gay
Lambton High School
Victor Jong
Girraween High School
Gladys Lai
Sydney Girls High School
Kathryn Murray
The Jannali High School
Leonida Najdovska
Cumberland High School
Bradley Pearsall
Corowa High School
Luke Salt
Cumberland High School

MINISTER'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Deborah Anscombe
Wagga Wagga High School
Joanne Beeby
Orange High School
Helena Radosevic
East Hills Girls Technology High School
Matthew Scott
The Canobolas Rural Technology High School
Neela Theru
Prairiewood High School

SECRETARY'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENT SERVICE

Maree Angus
Wagga Wagga Operational Directorate
Yvette Phillips
Tenterfield High School

SECRETARY'S SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

East Hills Girls Technology High School
Hunter School of the Performing Arts
Quakers Hill Public School



SECRETARY'S AWARD FOR AN OUTSTANDING SCHOOL INITIATIVE

East Hills Girls Technology High School

The Canobolas Rural Technology High School (High Performance Athletes Program)

Secretary's Commendation:

The Canobolas Rural Technology High School (STEM)

PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Susie Boyd

Merrylands High School

Janet Greenham

Stroud Road Public School

Manatsanan Khotkahn

Harrington Street Public School

Keith Lummis

Orange High School

Michelle Peak

Ben Venue Public School

Melanie Stopic

Marrickville West Public School

Pit Trent

Sydney Girls High School

Sharon Vandenburg

Coffs Harbour High School

Stephanie Waterhouse

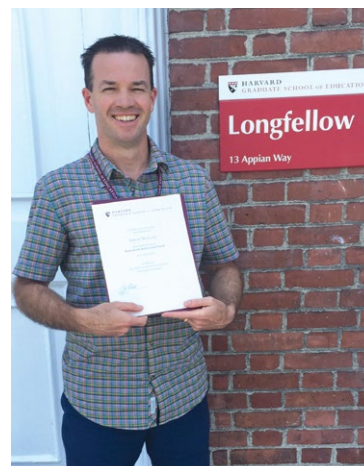
Nyngan High School

Shane Wicks

Gerrington Public School



A Renewed Vision from Harvard



School principal Simon Mulready was a recipient of the prestigious Harvard Club of Australia Education Scholarship. He elected to study 'Leadership: An Evolving Vision' at the Harvard Graduate School of Education in July 2016. Here's what he took away from the course.

Every day in public schools across Australia, principals advocate for the vision they want for their school. They advocate when stopping to talk with students in the playground. They advocate when chatting with parents at the school gate. They advocate in the staffroom when sharing a morning coffee with a teacher. But what is our message? For what are we advocating? What is our vision?

School principals often have little time to invest in the planning, thinking and strategy for their school vision. Sometimes a clarity of vision can be lost. With so many competing priorities, this core work of school leadership can easily be put aside. At the Harvard Graduate School of Education, I was reminded of the significance of this foundational work, which provides the framework for what our schools will look like.

Undertaking the course, Leadership, an Evolving Vision, I was fortunate to hear from world-leading academics and engage with world-leading educators, as I reflected on my vision for my school. Together, we spent time delving into school culture, unpacking school strategy and shaping and refining a vision for school excellence.

A key message which has remained with me, since returning from Harvard, was that of Prof Ebony Bridwell-Mitchell, who explained that every school principal is the identity prototype for their vision for the school. This means, that every conversation, every communication, every interaction, will reflect my vision for the school. More than this, the way in which I lead, the manner with which I speak and the style of my engagement, will be resounding in its proclamation.

But this is not enough. The vision must be the lens for school planning. The vision must be at the heart of school strategy. The vision must be at the forefront of every decision that I make.

Humbled, enriched, re-focused and inspired, I know that I am a better school leader because of the opportunity provided to me by the Public Education Foundation, together with the Harvard Club of Australia and the Teachers Mutual Bank.

Simon Mulready
Principal, Floraville Public School



Issaraha Braun

UNA MAY SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

It's been amazing to have many life-changing experiences. There are a wonderful group of people who care about my well-being as an Aboriginal student at Merrylands High School. I am constantly astounded by this support and opportunities I have at school such as being Vice-Captain and doing well at photography.

The Una May Senior Scholarship has also provided me with a marvellous opportunity. With the money from the scholarship I was able to buy many things that support my study. I was able to purchase a laptop and no longer needed to rely on the school laptops which are often being used. This has freed me up to do other activities at recess and lunch as I can now take my laptop home. My family doesn't have good laptops or computers, like other families have.

I love staying busy because I know that an active person is open to many opportunities. I'm originally from the Northern Territory but I now live with my grandma in Merrylands. While she is doing her best to provide me with a great future, she is very busy and still works even though she is quite old. Her hard work has prompted me to realise the importance of getting ahead. The money from this scholarship has been a blessing because it relieves the financial challenges. It has helped us a lot.

Right now I am focused on getting an amazing ATAR so I can go to university. I'm interested in doing something in the health field. I can concentrate on my studies because of the Una May Scholarship. For this, I am very grateful.

Merrylands High School



Zahra Kamali

FRIENDS OF ZAINAB SCHOLARSHIP

I arrived in Australia in April 2013 with my mother and brother. It was initially difficult settling into life in Australia but I was fortunate to enrol in Holroyd High School where I have received good support and guidance and have had the opportunity to be involved in many programs.

My Principal Dorothy Hoddinott encouraged me to apply for the Friends of Zainab Scholarship. I didn't expect to be chosen as a scholarship recipient but was extremely happy when I was selected. The scholarship money has enabled me to buy a laptop and pay for a variety of school expenses including expenses involved in my major HSC textile work. For people in a new country, facing financial hardship this scholarship really helps.

I have just completed my HSC and plan to study social work at either the University of Western Sydney or Sydney University. It is my dream to help people and work in the area of women's rights. Engaging with people and promoting human rights are very important to me.

Holroyd High School



David Kim

PEF AWARD FOR NSW HSC EXCELLENCE

I think I can speak for most students when I say that the Public Education Foundation scholarship represents 2 primary things. First and perhaps most obviously, the scholarship represents opportunity- a chance to take full advantage of the opportunities afforded to us by our schools. For myself in particular, the grant empowered me to engage completely in all aspects of school life.

Academically, the scholarship has enabled me to seek the most advanced learning materials available such as textbooks, as well as fund excursions and resources to help with research. More significantly, however, the scholarship supports my ongoing involvement in co-curricular activities such as representative sport for the school.

I firmly believe that it is my full investment into both the academic and co-curricular aspects of school life that have contributed significantly towards my education, as well as greatly influence my identity and character. It is the scholarship that has helped me to gain this greatest possible value out of my final year in high school.

Most importantly, however, the scholarship represents faith. The Foundation's ongoing support and investment exhibits their undying faith in the capabilities of us students, our families and the public schools that we represent.

Sydney Boys High School



Ginan Issa

SUSAN & ISAAC WAKIL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

My name is Ginan Issa and I began a double degree of law and psychology at the University of New South Wales in 2016. At the end of 2015, immediately after the completion of my HSC, I was fortunate enough to be awarded a scholarship by the Susan & Isaac Wakil Foundation in order to support me throughout my tertiary studies.

The support of the Public Education Foundation and the Susan & Isaac Wakil Foundation has had such an instrumental impact on my education and journey throughout my career. With this funding, I have not only been able to purchase all of my textbooks, which otherwise would have been a burden, but have also been able to access other resources that have made a significant difference to my assessment marks.

The funding from the Wakil Scholarship has not only had a significant role in helping me to overcome some of the financial barriers that come with tertiary education, but also in providing me with the confidence to take on challenges throughout the course of my studies. With this assurance, I have been able to work to the best of my ability, allowing me to achieve results at a high standard and successfully complete my first year at University. In my second year of studies, I hope to further engage myself in extra-curricular activities and volunteering work, which will further bolster my career forward.

I am forever grateful to the Public Education Foundation and the Susan & Isaac Wakil Foundation for all of the support that they have provided to me throughout the course of my studies.

**Former student at Cambridge Park
High School**

The Susan & Isaac Wakil Foundation Scholarship

With the generous support from The Susan & Isaac Wakil Foundation, the Public Education Foundation established the Susan & Isaac Wakil Foundation Scholarship, with funding for the inaugural cohort of recipients commencing in 2016.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to high potential high school students to transition into and progress through University or TAFE in trade or professional fields that are in high demand.

Susan and Isaac Wakil are migrants to Australia who set up a successful clothing business and invested in the Sydney property market in the 1970s and 1980s. More recently, the couple have decided to sell much of their property portfolio with divestments being turned into charitable donations. Education has been a major focus of the Susan & Isaac Wakil Foundation.

Recognising the need to offer students pathways to satisfying and fulfilling work, Isaac Wakil said, "We strongly believe that education and trades are essential tools which give young people the opportunity to enter into fulfilling and secure work. And we feel that granting scholarships to disadvantaged school-leavers is a worthy cause."

The Public Education Foundation is deeply honoured to be a beneficiary of the Wakil's incredible generosity.

The recipients of the 2017 The Susan & Isaac Wakil Foundation Scholarship will be announced in December.



Volunteers

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

We would particularly like to thank those who assisted by sitting on selection panels. This included:

Susanne Andrews, Peter Balding, Mark Burnard, Tracey Byrne, Ricky Campbell-Allen, Marianne Carahalios, Helen Cook, Dr Robert Curry, Murat Dizdar, Melita Flynn, Dianne Giblin AM, Mark Hagan, Michele Hall, Dorothy Hoddinott AO, Ian Hunter, Kerry Kavanagh, Neil Kenzler, Adam Lippmann, Emma Maiden, Glinda Major, Alan Melrose, Lila Mularczyk, Kristen Murray, Mary-Lou O'Brien, Enri Parolin, Samantha Pearce, Geoff Pellizzer, Chris Presland, Raylene Saunders, Jane Simmons, Ivana Smaniotto, Roger Tall, Gillian Tatt, Cara Varian and Erica Vorsay.

Finally, we extend a big thank you to the students Newtown High School of the Performing Arts and East Hills Girls Technology High School who volunteered at our events during the year.

The Public Education Team



David Hetherington
Executive Director



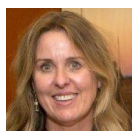
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We are grateful for the time and expertise provided by our ambassadors; prominent individuals who work with us to advocate for public education:

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2015-16 Revenue and Expenditure

The Public Education Foundation is generously supported by the NSW Government of Education & Communities, providing a grant to fund operational costs. 25 percent of the Foundation's revenue is received through this grant.

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 2015-16 was \$802,563.

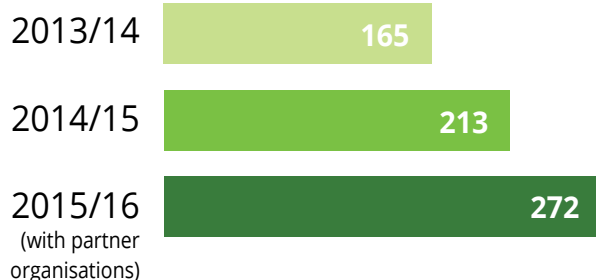
At the Foundation we ensure that 90% of donations go directly towards our Scholarship Fund and are distributed to students, teachers and principals in the form of scholarships. No more than 10% of donations income is used for administrative expenses.

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

In 2015-16, the total donations received by the Foundation was \$424,390.

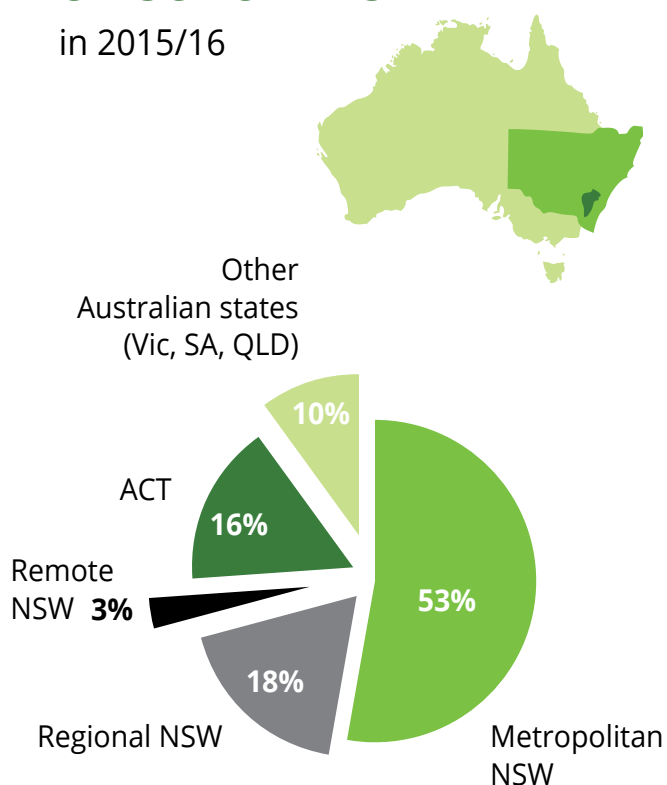
SCHOLARSHIP NUMBERS

Total scholars in



GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARS

in 2015/16





PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

FINANCIAL REPORT 30 JUNE, 2016

The following financial information has been extracted from the
2016 Financial Report which can viewed on our website:
www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au

Public Education Foundation Ltd

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

As at 30 June 2016

	Notes	2016 \$	2015 \$
Revenue	2	802,563	1,039,107
Other Income		2,224	-
Expenses			
Scholarship expenses		(392,162)	(448,821)
Employee benefits expense		(290,659)	(276,377)
Auditors remuneration	3	(9,500)	(9,000)
Finance costs		(649)	(793)
Website development expense		(3,384)	(776)
Amortisation expense		(7,963)	(9,188)
Other expenses		(124,474)	(105,450)
(Deficit)/Surplus before income tax expense		(24,004)	188,702
Income tax expense	1(b)	-	-
(Deficit)/Surplus after income tax expense for the year attributable to members of The Foundation		(24,004)	188,702
Other comprehensive loss for the year			
Available-for-sale financial assets	11(c)	(34,201)	(61,284)
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year attributable to members of The Foundation		(58,205)	127,418

Public Education Foundation Ltd
Statement of financial position
As at 30 June 2016

	Notes	2016 \$	2015 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	192,593	310,963
Trade and other receivables	5	148,000	84,274
Total current assets		<u>340,593</u>	<u>395,237</u>
Non-current assets			
Intangible Assets	6	-	7,962
Available-for-sale financial assets	7	1,826,843	1,730,004
Total non-current assets		<u>1,826,843</u>	<u>1,737,966</u>
Total assets		<u>2,167,436</u>	<u>2,133,203</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	244,951	141,392
Employee benefits	9	4,124	9,245
Total current liabilities		<u>249,075</u>	<u>150,637</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Other payables	10	24,204	30,204
Total non-current liabilities		<u>24,204</u>	<u>30,204</u>
Total liabilities		<u>273,279</u>	<u>180,841</u>
Net assets		<u>1,894,157</u>	<u>1,952,362</u>
Equity			
Retained earnings	11	198,198	250,541
Scholarship reserve	11	1,723,946	1,695,607
Available-for-sale financial assets reserve	11	(27,987)	6,214
Total equity		<u>1,894,157</u>	<u>1,952,362</u>

The extracted financial information note references are to disclosures within the audited financial report – please refer to the audited financial report for an understanding of the financial reporting disclosures.

Public Education Foundation Ltd
Statement of changes in equity
As at 30 June 2016

	Retained earnings	Scholarship reserve	Available-for- sale financial assets reserve	Total equity
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 30 June 2014	255,390	1,502,056	67,498	1,824,944
Total comprehensive income for the year	188,702	-	(61,284)	127,418
Transfer from retained earnings to scholarship reserve for scholarship income received but unexpended during the year	(193,551)	193,551	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2015	250,541	1,695,607	6,214	1,952,362
Total comprehensive income for the year	(24,004)	-	(34,201)	(58,205)
Transfer from retained earnings to scholarship reserve for scholarship income received but unexpended during the year	(28,339)	28,339	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2016	198,198	1,723,946	(27,987)	(1,894,157)

Public Education Foundation Ltd
Statement of cash flows
As at 30 June 2016

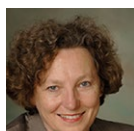
	Notes	2016 \$	2015 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from donations and grants		836,883	849,406
Payments to suppliers and employees		(538,689)	(384,408)
Payments to scholarship recipients		(392,162)	(452,421)
Interest paid		(649)	(793)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	12	(94,617)	11,784
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividend, interest and distribution income received		107,287	106,676
Net payments of available-for-sale financial assets		(131,040)	(21,729)
Net cash (outflow)/ inflow from investing activities		(23,753)	84,949
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(118,370)	96,733
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		310,963	214,230
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	4	192,593	310,963

Board of Directors

As at 30 June 2016



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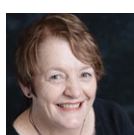
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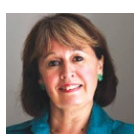
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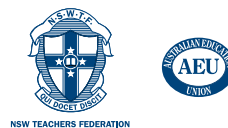
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