















Watch as these amazing young scholars describe how their Public Education Foundation scholarship has helped them.



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 works in collaboration with schools, communities, unions, the private sector and the government to help 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: publiceducationfoundation.org.au

In the spirit of reconciliation, the Public Education Foundation acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.



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ASSISTANCE AT
SCHOOL, I WOULD
LIKE TO HAVE
THE FUNDS TO
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THE PURCHASE OF
BOOKS. I WOULD
LIKE HER TO ENJOY
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Mother of recipient of Rural & Remote Indigenous Primary School Scholarship

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Our Mission

The mission of the Public Education Foundation is twofold:

- Identifying and supporting potential, based on need, and individual excellence in students and educators in the public education system; and
- Promoting and advocating a high quality, widely respected public education system

Our student scholarships address factors contributing to disadvantage:

- Students from low socioeconomic backgrounds
- Students of Indigenous backgrounds
- Students from refugee backgrounds

- Students in rural and remote areas
- Students living with a disability

Our Values

The values that underpin the work of the Public Education Foundation, internally and externally, are:

EQUITY

FAIRNESS AND EQUITABLE ACCESS FOR ALL >

RESPECT

FOR PEOPLE,
INTERNALLY
AND EXTERNALLY

>

SUSTAINABILITY

OF OUR RELATIONSHIPS AND RESOURCES

>

OPPORTUNITY

FOR INDIVIDUALS
TO FULFIL
THEIR POTENTIAL

Our Purpose

The Public Education Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to providing life-changing scholarships to young people in public education and enhancing the value and reputation of public schools across Australia.

The Foundation achieves this by pursuing the following goals:

- a) To provide scholarships for students and teachers in public schools
- b) To 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
- c) To conduct educational programs and provide educational opportunities supplementary to the core services of public education for the benefit of students with a particular educational need and to fund programs of professional development for teachers
- d) To raise funds for the support of public educational programs additional to the core provision of public education through a range of activities that are authorised by the Public Education Foundation Board
- e) To undertake research in the field of education and publish results.





"I WOULD USE THE
SCHOLARSHIP TO ASSIST
ME IN PURCHASING
SCHOOL-RELATED
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
AND TRAINING (VET)
ITEMS. I WOULD ALSO
BE INTERESTED IN
PURCHASING SOFTWARE
TO HELP ME STUDY."

Recipient of secondary VET in Schools Scholarship

Report from the Chair and Chief Executive Officer





It is our distinct pleasure to present the 2022–23 Annual Report of the Public Education Foundation.

We wish to acknowledge on behalf of PEF, the incredible dedication, hard work, commitment, and strategic leadership provided by David Hetherington who led the Foundation from 2016 to 2022 and to also acknowledge Paul Somers the COO of PEF who acted as CEO from November 2022 to May 2023. The Financial Year 2022–23 has seen the Australian economy face some of its greatest ever hurdles. The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) increased interest rates eleven times during the 2022–23 Financial Year in an attempt to keep inflation under control. Australians have been facing sky rocketing cost of living, an enormous housing crisis and ongoing inflation which has meant the financial pressures on many Australians have been crippling with many struggling to cope on a day-to-day basis. In November 2022, the Australian National University (ANU) stated that 25% of Australians were 'finding it difficult to get by on their current income'.

These financial pressures have had a major impact on PEF. There has been a 26% increase in the operational costs of the Foundation, a 16% increase in the number of scholarship applications and a significant reduction in the number of donors. However, in May 2023, the Productivity Commission found fewer people were donating but those who are giving, donate more. According to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), the proportion of taxpayers claiming tax-deductible donations fell from 35% in 2009–10 to 29% in 2019–20. Financial stress, age and state of residence are linked to fundraising.

The PEF June 2023 Tax Appeal resulted in \$116,100 from 52 donors. This was a 37% increase when compared to 2022. However, there was a reduction in the number of donors, with 31 fewer donors in 2023.

The core business of PEF is to provide scholarships to students in our public schools. These scholarships address factors that contribute to disadvantage. The 2022–23 Financial Year saw an increase of 24% in the number of scholarships awarded to students and a 64% increase in the number of scholarships awarded to principals in our public schools. There were a number of important milestones for the Foundation across the 2022–23 Financial Year including:

- Awarding our 3,000th student scholarship. We also offered over 30 different scholarships, covering
 primary, secondary and tertiary transition students as we continue to expand our range of scholarship
 opportunities nationally.
- 3 educator scholarships offered, covering early career, mid-career and our principals scholarships to the
 Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE). Of note, 8 Principal scholarship recipients travelled to Boston
 in July 2023, largely clearing out the pandemic induced backlog of awardees.
- Celebration of student and educator excellence at several flagship events, including the Proudly Public! 2023
 Awards, the NSW Minister's and Secretary's Awards for Excellence 2023 and the Capital Chemist Awards.

On behalf of our scholarship recipients, the PEF Board and PEF staff we wish to extend our gratitude and thanks to all our donors, sponsors, and partners. These 'life-changing' scholarships are a result of your generosity and support and have such a positive impact on the lives of students, teachers, and Principals who are recipients of these scholarships.

David Friedlander

David Riordan
Chief Executive Officer

Chair

Scholarship Recipients

2023

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL HIGH ACHIEVER SCHOLARSHIP

Acknowledging the highest achieving Aboriginal student in a NSW public school in the 2022 Higher School Certificate.

REBECCA HOFFMAN NBSC, Manly Campus

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to successfully complete their senior years of schooling.

HANNAH BAILLIE-ANGELES Bulahdelah Central School

KAILEE GOOD West Wallsend High School

JIE MATTHEWS West Wallsend High School

NAKIESHA VICKERY Northlakes High School

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

Supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to participate, and represent their school, in sports at a state level.

NGKARLA ORCHER Ballina Coast High School

ACACIA PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

Funded by our generous Acacia Fellows, this program provides financial assistance to high potential secondary school students attending public schools in specific regions across Australia.

GAZAL AL-SHAAR Corrimal High School

HEATHER ARTHURPhoenix P-12 Community College
– VIC

HAYDEN BAILEY Deniliquin High School TRISTA BLACK

Bomaderry High School

ADA DRYLIE Mount Clear College – VIC **ERICA HAMMOND** Finley High School

JASMINE KHAN-SPEECHLY Corrimal High School

ISABELLA KOROS

Mount Rowan Secondary College – VIC

TZE LIN KUEH

Lynwood Senior High School – WA

ZHENYANG LIU

Lynwood Senior High School – WA ALIYAH | MILES

Alexandria Park Community School

IMMACULEE NDUTIRA Corrimal High School

GRAYCE PRATT

Deniliquin High School

HOPE SHELBY

Phoenix P-12 Community College – VIC

HAILEY SMALLE Bomaderry High School

CHELSEA SMOLENAERS
Phoenix P-12 Community College

MICHAEL TAYLOR Corrimal High School

AEU SOUTH AUSTRALIA RURAL AND REMOTE INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP

Supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in public primary schools in a rural or remote school in South Australia to enable them to participate fully in their education.

SOPHIE SHARKEY Renmark Primary School – SA

AEU VICTORIAN SECONDARY INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP

Supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in their senior years of education in public schools in Victoria.

DESTINY FRENCH Chaffey Secondary College – VIC



AEU VICTORIAN SECONDARY REFUGEE SCHOLARSHIP

Provides support for refugee students in Victorian public high schools for the final three years of their secondary education.

ABID FAZLI
Fountain Gate Secondary College

BAWI TIN HNENWerribee Secondary College
– VIC

AMAROO FOUNDATION VICTORIAN PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Victorian primary school students for two years to enable them to participate fully in their education.

TRACEY AHISHAKIYE Quarry Hill Primary School – VIC ZAINAB AL-SHAMMARY Wollert Primary School – VIC

JUMANA AL-ZERKANI Lalor Gardens Primary School – VIC JAYDEN AMOL

Manor Lakes P-12 College – VIC

NICHOLAS BENSON Marysville Primary School – VIC

MADDISON COOKE Balliang East Primary School – VIC Clifton Creek Primary School – VIC LILLY-ANN COOPER Clifton Creek Primary School – VIC KIHARN FITZGERALD Wunghnu Primary School – VIC JACK MCGOWAN Nagambie Primary School – VIC MILLA O'BRYAN

DECLAN COOPER

Bandiana Primary School – VIC **ARMANI SALEM**

Rushworth P-12 College – VIC

ROSE SEMMENS Craigieburn South Primary School – VIC

ANDREW CASEY INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP

Supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in public schools to successfully complete their senior years of high school.

JAYDEN CAROLAN
Elizabeth Macarthur High School
CHARLIE DEACON
West Wallsend High School
ANNALYS JOHNS
Merrylands High School
SAVANNAH ROBERTS-HICKLING
Ballina Coast High School

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AUSTRALIA FOR UNHCR BEDDIE SCHOLARSHIP

For students with a refugee background who intend to study film, television or radio studies at the prestigious Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS).

ZABI MALIKAustralian Film, Television and Radio School

BARRY O'GRADY SCHOLARSHIP

Provides support for a secondary school student attending Marsden High School, based on conduct, scholarship and disadvantage.

MINAMI MORI Marsden High School

CAPITAL CHEMIST SCHOLARSHIP

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

LUC BAILEY
Dickson College – ACT
ELIZABETH BARKER
Hawker College – ACT
TIA BHASKAR
Narrabundah College – ACT
MIA BROWN
Gungahlin College – ACT
SAMUEL COWPER

Melba Copland Secondary School
– ACT

Hawker College – ACT

CRISTINA DE ANGELIS-WOODS

Black Mountain School – ACT

NISRINE ELMIR Black Mountain School – ACT

KEIRA EVANS Hawker College – ACT BENJAMIN GRAY Canberra College – ACT

RYAN DAU

DANIEL GRAY UCSSC Lake Ginninderra – ACT JOJI HAMLYN-HARRIS Narrabundah College – ACT

CHARLOTTE HAYES
Lake Tuggeranong College – ACT
ISOBEL HEMMING
UCSSC Lake Ginninderra – ACT

MACY HUANG Gungahlin College – ACT FRISHTA HUSSAINI Dickson College – ACT

SHIORI ISHIKAWA Canberra College – ACT

RIKA JAMMER Melba Copland Secondary School – ACT

YASEMIN KALKAN Dickson College – ACT SHAELYN KELLY

The Woden School - ACT

ANDREW MACKEY The Woden School – ACT

MATTHIAS MAKELLA The Woden School – ACT CHARLES MARPAUNG Canberra College – ACT

RANI MEASHAM Lake Tuggeranong College – ACT CHARLI MULLIGAN

Gungahlin College – ACT
CHISOMAGA NNAJIDE

UCSSC Lake Ginninderra – ACT CORWYN ROSS

Lake Tuggeranong College – ACT ARUN SARAVANAN

Narrabundah College – ACT

MARY SOM
Melba Copland Secondary School
– ACT

LANA SUEUR Erindale College – ACT CAITLIN WALLACE Erindale College – ACT COOPER WALLACE

Black Mountain School – ACT

BRENDAN WIN Erindale College – ACT







CONNECTED COMMUNITIES SCHOLARSHIP

Supports high school students in NSW Connected Communities schools to assist with essential school/education expenses, particularly focusing on computers, sports and the creative and performing arts.

BROOKLYN ATTERTON Kempsey High School ZEKE BRANDON Shoalhaven High School JORDAN BRIAR

Coonamble High School

DESTYNI BRIGHT

Coonamble High School

CHARLOTTE BROWN Kempsey High School

SHELBY COATES Shoalhaven High School

EMILY DARK Kempsey High School

BRAYDON DODD Coonamble High School

CARLIN DUNBAR-RUDD Kempsey High School

SHAKAYA DUNCAN Kempsey High School

MADIE HODGSON Coonamble High School

BREEANNA HORNE Kempsey High School RUBY HOSKINS GOULD Kempsey High School

JAHZARRA MORETON-KINCAID

Narooma High School
BROJADDA LENTON

Kempsey High School

KIRRA MARCIANTE-COBCROFT

Shoalhaven High School

RIHANNA MCBRIDE Coonamble High School

JAXSON MURPHY-SEBBENS Shoalhaven High School

EVAN ORGILL Kempsey High School GIORJET PINKARD Shoalhaven High School ELLIE PRIOR Kempsey High School

ELLA SAUL Kempsey High School

MAKAYLAH SCHATZMAN Bowraville Central School

RYAN SHIMMEN Shoalhaven High School ISAIAH SMITH

Shoalhaven High School
KYMIAH STEWART

Narooma High School KIARA LEE STOKES

Kempsey High School TANAYAH VALE Kempsey High School

KOBY WELLINGTON Shoalhaven High School

CONSERVATORIUM HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

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

ALVIN SUN Conservatorium High School

DAVID S RATNER SCHOLARSHIP

Provides five years of support and encouragement for the eligible recipients enrolled in public primary and high schools in NSW.

YANIV LANCIANO Matraville Sports High School ENZO SZTEJMAN Deniliquin North Public School

EMORGO SCHOLARSHIP FOR MUSIC

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

ELOISE BRUNSDON Conservatorium High School





"THE FINANCIAL SITUATION THAT
MY FAMILY IS IN, COULD ALSO
INFLUENCE MY ABILITY TO CONSIDER
POST SECONDARY EDUCATION. THE
ADDED EXPENDITURES ON BOOKS,
TUITION, TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES,
AND ON-CAMPUS PARKING MAKE
EDUCATION EXPENSIVE FOR ME AND
MY FAMILY."

Recipient of Friends of Zainab Tertiary Scholarship

FRIENDS OF ZAINAB SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP

Supports Year 11 and 12 refugee students through the critical years of their HSC.

FATIMA ADELI Doonside Technology High School MONERA AELESHA

Bankstown Senior College **NOORIA AHMADI** Forest Lake State High School – QLD

ALI REZA AKBARI Yeronga State High School – QLD

FATIMA ALAMARY Salisbury High School – SA

FARISHTA MOHAMMAD ALI Yeronga State High School – QLD

NADA ALI Coffs Harbour High School

ATHRAA ALKACHO Bankstown Senior College

MARYAM AL-KALMASHI Miller Technology High School

KAWTHAR ALMAJEED
Bankstown Senior College

Bankstown Senior College REEM ALOTHMAN

Miller Technology High School
LENSA ARARSO

Yeronga State High School – QLD

LATIFA ASKARI Bankstown Senior College

AYASHA BIN AYAZ Beverly Hills Girls High School

INNOCENT NZOVU AZABE James Fallon High School

ANGELA BEDJONI Townsville State High School – QLD

TENZIN CHOEDON NBSC, Mackellar Girls Campus

ANN DAABOOL Cabramatta High School

MOJDEH DABESTANIGHAMSARI Bankstown Senior College

NARGES EFTEKHARI Callaghan College, Jesmond Campus

REKHA GHALLEY Murray High School

MARZIA GHOLAMI

Bankstown Senior College

FATIMA HAIDARI Chester Hill High School

DALEEN ALKES HANNA Cabramatta High School

ZAINAB HASSANI Bankstown Senior College

SONIA HUSSAINI Holroyd High School

JENNIFER ISRAEL Merrylands High School

Merrylands High School
IOVAN JAZZAA

Centenary Heights State High School – QLD

FADI KATO Bankstown Senior College

SAJIDA KAZIMI

Chester Hill High School

MADINA KHANZADA

Callaghan College, Waratah Campus ORSHINA KHOSHABA

Bankstown Senior College

PETER KOROFairfield High School

IMAN SALIH MADLOOL Chester Hill High School

ARUNA MAJHI Murray High School

VANESSA MINGUEYAM Townsville State High School – QLD

FATIMA MOHAMMADI Yeronga State High School – QLD

LAURENTINE MOKOUMAL
Townsville State High School - QLD

ZAHRA MOSAWI
Fountain Gate Secondary Coll

Fountain Gate Secondary College – VIC

SHARAF NDILABAYE
Townsville State High School – QLD
YASMEEN QURBANI

St Marys Senior High School

BERTHE RONELYAM Townsville State High School – QLD

ANMAR SAKA Bankstown Senior College

ANSIYAH SEEMEEN Holroyd High School

SHARMILA SHARMILA Beverly Hills Girls High School

TEE KU SHEE

Eaglehawk Secondary College – VIC MARYANA ALQAS TOMA Miller Technology High School SALEHAH WALIZADAH

Chester Hill High School
ORSHINA YALDA

Bankstown Senior College

AICHA YOUSSOUF

Townsville State High School – QLD

MEDIA ZOORI Cabramatta High School

FRIENDS OF ZAINAB TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP

Provides financial assistance for the first two years of full-time university or TAFE study for refugee students.

FAUZIA MOHAMED ABDIRAHMAN

Townsville State High School - QLD

MARYAM ABDO

Miller Technology High School

NOOR ABUZAMAQ Bankstown Senior College

GULL AHMADZADA Lynwood Senior High School – WA

GULIA ALASFAR Bossley Park High School

AYA ALEDILAN Salisbury High School – SA

SANDY AL-JAMEEL Bankstown Senior College

HIJRAN ALZUHAIRI Miller Technology High School

JAVOUNA AQILI Dandenong High School – VIC

UROOJ FATIMA

Bankstown Senior College
AHMED HADI

Merrylands High School

BIROLA HANA Bankstown Senior College

DANELA HANAMiller Technology High School

EVANA JIBRAEELMiller Technology High School

SUMAIYA KAZIMI Bankstown Senior College AYA KHRAIT Keira High School

JAMSHID MIRZAEI Chester Hill High School

NOELA MPULI

Townsville State High School – QLD

MURTAZA MURTAZA

Bankstown Senior College NABIL RAKHSHANDEH

Bankstown Senior College
AYLIN REZAEI

Arthur Phillip High School

SAMEERAH SHLAYMOON Prairiewood High School

IELE TOAMA

Miller Technology High School

AHMED YOUSEIF

Lynwood Senior High School – WA

HARRY COX AWARD

Provides a one-year bursary for a young musician attending the Conservatorium High School.

ANASTASIIA PYSHNA Conservatorium High School

MANIFOLD ROAD CREATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting senior high school students enrolled in a school in Sydney's western suburbs who have an interest in graphic design, marketing or visual arts.

YALDA ABAWAI Fairfield High School

AMY ALEXI BARR James Meehan High School

ASHLEIGH DARGIN Quakers Hill High School

ALLYKA HADI Ambarvale High School

ASHALIA SUHARNO Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School

MAHINA JOHN VARU James Meehan High School

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Provides financial assistance to refugee and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Victorian public high schools, who may not otherwise have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

MEISHA LEE-HOOPER Gladysdale Primary School – VIC FERESHTA RAHIMI Narre Warren South P12 College – VIC

NSW COOKERY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Assisting students who intend to continue to university to study a Bachelor of Education, majoring in Food Technology.

RILEE PERRY Whitebridge High School

NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLIC TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

Provides support for three years for NSW students who are undertaking a Bachelor of Education degree and intending to return to teach in NSW public schools.

RASHA ALZAHRI
Miller Technology High School
YARA SALMAN
Miller Technology High School
JOE YEE WONG
Hurlstone Agricultural High School

NSW NURSES AND MIDWIVES' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Providing three years' support for refugee students to realise their career goals in studying a Nursing or Midwifery degree.

MARIAM AHMED Bankstown Senior College RANYA ALSHAMOON KEKHWA Miller Technology High School

NSW RETIRED TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting NSW high school students for two years to enable them to participate fully in their education.

PAIGE HOY Ulladulla High School

NSW TEACHERS FEDERATION AWARD FOR HSC EXCELLENCE

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

TOM BUCKINGHAM SHUM Turramurra High School WILLIAM CASSELL Barrenjoey High School SUNNY CHEN

Normanhurst Boys High School
ANIEK COMPTON

Cronulla High School WENNY FAN Concord High School

FAIYAAZ KARIMJames Ruse Agricultural High School

STELLA MACKENZIE
NBSC, Mackellar Girls Campus

ELEANOR MCIVER Sydney Girls High School

TAMARA MCKEON Engadine High School

REBECCA OWENS Gosford High School

ALEXIA RIGONI Cammeraygal High School

LIYA RUAN Cherrybrook Technology High School

Newcastle High School

ANGUS STEWART
Normanhurst Boys High School
LARA WHITE

NSW TEACHERS FEDERATION PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP

Provides support and encouragement to primary school students to enable them to participate fully in their education.

JABARI NICHOLLS Hillvue Public School

CHARLIE PALMER
Gwandalan Public School

LEION SIMMONS Pomona Public School

KUA SWAN Glendore Public School

NSW TEACHERS FEDERATION REFUGEE SCHOLARSHIP

Provides support for refugee students in NSW public high schools for the final three years of their secondary education.

ZEINAB ABBASI Mount Austin High School MARYAM HOSSEIN ZADEH Callaghan College Waratah Campus

TAHIRA ROSHAN Wagga Wagga High School

NSW TEACHERS FEDERATION TAFE SCHOLARSHIP

Provides financial assistance for up to two years of fulltime TAFE study for **refugee** students.

KANDS GORYA Bankstown Senior College

NURSES AND MIDWIVES HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP

Providing three years' support for motivated students studying a degree in Nursing or Midwifery.

ANASTASIA WALSH Nyngan High School

PAT ZINN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Established in honour of Pat Zinn, former convenor of the Aboriginal Support Circle, to support Aboriginal girls to complete their education.

PHOENIX-RAINE HIPPI Ballina Coast High School

PATRICIA LONG CONSERVATORIUM HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

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

JULIET BRUNSDON Conservatorium High School

PEF NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP

Supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, refugee students and students experiencing financial hardship in their senior years of education in a public school.

MARCUS JEWELL Endeavour Sports High School EZEL KENDIR Greystanes High School

JAI LEACH
Palm Beach Currumbin High School
– QLD

ALI AGHA QASIMI Salisbury High School – SA HAYLEY ROBERTS Ballina Coast High School QAMAR UDEH Salisbury High School – SA

PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP

Supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to enable them to participate fully in all aspects of their education.

JUSTINE BOLT
Ballina Coast High School
BEAU HINTON
Coonabarabran High School
MATTAYA MARTIN-KELLY
Ballina Coast High School
YOORALLA SAMUEL
Wadalba Community School
KIESHA SKIMMINGS
Ballina Coast High School

PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP

Provides scholarships to support primary school students in their early school years.

LUKAS BURDEN Curlewis Public School

LUCY HAMBLY Rollands Plains Upper Public School

LEVI NICHOLSON Scone Public School

FELICITY SAMUEL Wadalba Community School

MASON STUBBS Sandy Beach Public School

NIYAHLA WRIGHT Glendore Public School

PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP

Supports public high school students in NSW enabling them to participate in all aspects of their education.

MARWA AKBARY Merrylands High School

JORDAN ALLEN Corrimal High School

OLIVER EVANS Bomaderry High School

MASINAS HADDAD Greystanes High School

JARRAH HOOD Meadowglen Primary School – VIC

SUJJAD NAWROAZI Salisbury High School – SA

SABIRA RAJAB ALI Blacktown Girls High School

PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP

Supports outstanding public school students, with an interest in unionism and social justice, in their final year of high school.

LARA O'NEILL NBSC, Mackellar Girls Campus

PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP

Provides financial assistance for the initial years of full-time tertiary study for the recipients.

MARCO BARRERO Bankstown Senior College

CARINA CAMMARERI Bossley Park High School

ALEXANDRA GLENN Leeton High School

MELA HOFFMAN Penrith High School

High School

DINARA JAYARATHNA Taree High School

ALISHEA RANKIN Coonabarabran High School

HUGH SHADWELL Farrer Memorial Agricultural

ANDREW TRUONG
Miller Technology High School

QUEENSLAND TEACHERS UNION SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP

Provides support and encouragement for students in Queensland public high schools for the final three years of their secondary education.

NADINE FASAVALU Marsden State High School – QLD GRACE WILKINSON Palm Beach Currumbin High School

RISE SCHOLARSHIP

The Rise program provides need-based scholarships, mentorship, networking and access to career development opportunities for 15-17 year old students, encouraging them in a lifetime of service and learning.

ADITYA GHAI – QLD"Brain Controlled Upper Body
Prosthetics" project

JESSICA YAO GUO – VIC "Rural Sustainable House Design" project

RAHUL KUMAR – QLD "EmSafe App" project

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP

Supports public high school students giving them the ability to participate in all aspects of their secondary school education.

JAVANI UPULASI PAESE Chifley College Mount Druitt Campus

RURAL & REMOTE INDIGENOUS PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP

Provides support and encouragement to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in public primary schools in rural or remote regions of Australia.

OLIVIA PORTER-DANDO Hillvue Public School

RURAL & REMOTE INDIGENOUS SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP

Provides support and encouragement to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in public high schools in rural or remote regions of Australia.

MERCEDES COOMBES Sale College – VIC

TEACHERS HEALTH TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP

Provides financial assistance to high potential students for the first three years of their fulltime tertiary study.

MILAAN AL ALQMI Miller Technology High School

MERIPA TEO Corrimal High School

JESSICA TU Fairvale High School

UNA MAY SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

Supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in NSW public schools to enable them to participate fully in their education.

ASHLEE DAWSON West Wallsend High School

TAE-LANI GORDON Glendore Public School

ARYAHNA HANSHAW Hillvue Public School

LEROY KITCHENER Sylvania Heights Public School

KYLAH MACKENZIE WEDDERBURN Elizabeth Macarthur High School

SHELBY WHICHELOChifley College, Mount Druitt
Campus





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UNIONS NSW JEFF SHAW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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.

CAITLIN BLANCH
Peel High School
ZOE EL-CHAMI
St Marys Senior High School
TIANA PINI
Bossley Park High School
ORLINA YALDA
Bankstown Senior College
EDMUND ZHOU
Canley Vale High School

VET IN SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP

Provides financial assistance to students pursuing vocational studies through their school, who otherwise may not be able to pursue their chosen career.

OLIVIA BAIRD Coomealla High School **BRODY BALL** Chifley College Senior Campus **CHRISTINE FLACK** Endeavour Sports High School SIENNA GARDINER Chifley College Senior Campus **ELIZABETH HELDZINGEN Endeavour Sports High School** RAHMATULLAH HUSSAINI Bankstown Senior College **AKATAUHIRA JOHN** Doonside Technology High School **CHLOE LUND** Denison College of Secondary Education, Kelso High Campus **CHLOE TOTTRUP** Doonside Technology High School

VORSAY SCHOLARSHIP

Provides support and encouragement for public primary school students entering Year 2 in 2022, throughout their time at primary school.

JAELYN-MAY IESE HOWE Curran 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 to study a degree.

ARIF ALIZADA
Dandenong High School – VIC
ISLA FARR
Oxley High School
FATIMA MARDANI
Bankstown Senior College
BIANCA MARTINOVIC
Chester Hill High School
CLAIRE RIDLEY
St Ives High School

WARATAH EDUCATION FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting NSW primary school students for two years to allow them to be involved in all aspects of their education and improve education outcomes.

AYDIL ADI Drummond Memorial Public School DILHAD ADI Ben Venue Public School

ARAS ALKHALAF
Drummond Memorial Public School
HALO AMITUANAI

Cambridge Gardens Public School **RANI BENGLAS-FORD** Main Arm Upper Primary School

JAMES BETTS Hillvue Public School

RANDEE ELIAS
Drummond Memorial Public School

DHAKOTA HODGES Glendore Public School CAROLANNE HOPPO

Bellambi Public School
ENAS JARALLA

Drummond Memorial Public School
MIDYA MHE
Drummond Memorial Public School

KAITLYN MULLIGAN Woodberry Public School

ALANA NEWLAND Glendore Public School LILY NGUYEN
Glendore Public School
KHADO QARO
Drummond Memorial Public School
REMAS QASO
Drummond Memorial Public School
SABREEN SHANI-BAQI
Drummond Memorial Public School
LANDEN SMOOTHY
Tullimbar Public School

WARATAH EDUCATION FOUNDATION SECONDARY TRANSITION SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting NSW students in their first two years of secondary education to encourage them to realise their academic potential.

KRISTINA AKKO Mount Pritchard Public School SIZAR ALMUHAMA Drummond Memorial Public School **SUNNI ATKINSON** Casino West Public School **XYLIA BEALE** Ingleburn Public School **LEEYA BENGLAS** Main Arm Upper Primary School **ELLIOT BURDEN** Curlewis Public School **IVAN ELIAS** Drummond Memorial Public School **ELIZA FRENCH** Glendore Public School JANAN HAJIM Drummond Memorial Public School **AYSAR HILO** Drummond Memorial Public School

OSKAR HURA Tweed Heads Public School YANAR JARALLA Drummond Memorial Public School DAISY KING Wilsons Creek Public School



TAIMANA LEACH Cambridge Gardens Public School JAKEISHA-LEE MCBRIDE Glendore Public School **BAHZAD MHE** Drummond Memorial Public School **GALIA QARO** Drummond Memorial Public School **EMA RISTESKA** Moss Vale Public School **NOAH SMOOTHY** Tullimbar Public School **SOFIA USAMA** Merrylands East Public School **KAI-AHLA WHITE** Erskineville Public School

WESTERN SYDNEY LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP

Supports public school students attending a high school in Sydney's western suburbs to complete their senior years of education.

HABIB AL BITAR
Condell Park High School
MILAD DABESTANIGHAMSARI
Bonnyrigg High School
TIJANA KASIC
James Meehan High School
MEHNAZ MOHEBBI
Merrylands High School
DANKA SHLAYMOON

WOODCOCK FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Prairiewood High School

Provides support for the final two years of secondary education to students attending schools in the Upper Hunter Valley of NSW.

HARRY BROWN
Singleton High School
KATIE KING
Singleton High School
HUNTER MCLOUGHLIN
Scone High School
KOBY NEWMAN
Singleton High School

PEF also provided support for the GO Foundation in the payment of 571 primary and secondary school scholarships.

The Go Foundation provides education scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders students from primary school through to university Sydney Adelaide and Canberra.

Educator Scholarships

TEACHERS HEALTH EARLY CAREER SCHOLARSHIP

Supports public school teachers in the first three years of their teaching careers to undertake professional development.

JESSICA BURG Oxley High School

HARVARD CLUB OF AUSTRALIA PRINCIPALS SCHOLARSHIP

Provides principals of government schools an opportunity to undertake a short professional education program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

MELANIE MACMILLAN Blairmount Public School

PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION PRINCIPALS SCHOLARSHIP

Provides principals of government schools an opportunity to undertake a short professional education program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

SEAN BUTLER Preston High School – VIC

TEACHERS MUTUAL BANK PRINCIPALS SCHOLARSHIP

Provides principals of government schools an opportunity to undertake a short professional education program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

DANIEL RATTIGANFinigan School of Distance Education

TEACHERS MUTUAL BANK VICTORIAN MID-CAREER SCHOLARSHIP

Supports a Victorian midcareer public school teacher to undertake professional development.

NICHOLAS ANSELL Grovedale College – VIC

PEF also sponsored 9 public school principals to attend the "Harvard Principals' Program in Australia" in Sydney during January 2023.



Laptop Recipients

2023

Laptop Recipient Schools

Due to the generosity of individual donors and corporations, PEF was able to offer laptops to students who had no, or limited access to technology. The laptops were offered to applicants who had not been awarded a scholarship as well as to students in schools in flood affected areas of NSW and QLD. Hundreds of students benefited across the following 50 schools:

Arthur Phillip High School

Ballina Coast High School

Barham High School

Beverly Hills Girls High School

Birrong Girls High School NSW

Bomaderry High School NSW

Callaghan College Waratah Campus NSW

Cambridge Gardens Public School NSW

Caringbah High School

Centenary Heights State High School QLD Charles Campbell College

Chester Hill High School

Chester Hill Public School

Chifley College Mount Druitt Campus NSW

Chisholm TAFE

Coffs Harbour High School

Conservatorium High School

Coomealla High School

Coonamble High School

Corrimal High School

Elizabeth Macarthur High School

Fountain Gate Secondary College

Glenala State High School

Glendore Public School NSW

Grovedale College

Holroyd High School

NSW

Hoxton Park High School

Kempsey High School

Kingswood High School

Lalor Secondary College

Menai High School NSW

Merrylands High School NSW

Mildura Senior College

VIC Miller Technology High

School NSW

Mount Clear College VIC

Narooma High School NSW

NBSC - Mackellar Girls Campus

Parramatta High School

Plunkett Street Public School NSW

Prairiewood High School

Salisbury High School

Shoalhaven High School NSW

Singleton High School NSW

St Mary's Senior High School

Wadalba Community School

West Wallsend High School NSW

Wiley Park Girls High School NSW

Wondoga Middle Years College

Wyndham College

Yeronga State High School OLD



Minister's and Secretary's Awards for Excellence 2022

The Public Education Foundation is proud to manage the Minister's and Secretary's Awards for Excellence on behalf of the NSW Department of Education. In 2022, an impressive 128 public school students, teachers, employees and parents were awarded for their outstanding achievements.

Minister's Award for **Excellence in Student Achievement**

Recognising outstanding Year 12 students who have excelled in their secondary years across academic excellence, sports, cultural, community and leadership.

ZAC BECHARA Crestwood High School JARED BIGNELL Denison College of Secondary Education - Kelso High Campus

ROSIE BRENNAN NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus

ALLY CORK Woolgoolga High School

INDIA DALTON Galston High School

MACKENZIE DAVIS

Glenwood High School **ALYSSA DIMENT**

Asquith Girls High School **SAM DORAN** Lithgow High School

ANDRE MARC DUBIER Penrith High School

STEFANIE FEJES

NBSC - Mackellar Girls Campus **REHANSA GAMAGEDARA**

Girraween High School **POPPY GILLESPIE** Ulladulla High School

MHAIRI HAMMOND Lambton High School

THOMAS HENDERSON Denison College of Secondary Education - Kelso High Campus

MELA HOFFMAN Penrith High School

BROOKE HOOTON Leumeah High School

COOPER IVORY Merewether High School

JACK JARAMILLO St Johns Park High School **DINARA JAYARATHNA**

Taree High School FFI IX I AM

North Sydney Boys High School

ELLA LAMROCK Orange High School KIPCHUMBA LANGAT Wagga Wagga High School PIPER LOCKLEY-HINSCHEN James Fallon High School

MIM MACDONELL Ulladulla High School

HAYDEN MATTHEWS Endeavour Sports High School

THOMAS MUGGLETON-RYAN Lambton High School

CHARLES MURY

Hunter River Community School

IESSICA NGUYEN Prairiewood High School

JASMINE O'BRIEN Camden Haven High School

EMMA RICHARD

Fort Street High School **ROSIE SEWELL**

Sydney Girls High School **BEN STOCKHEIM** Picton High School

ELLIE TAYLOR Warners Bay High School

NICKIE TRAN Sarah Redfern High School

PETER TRAN Fort Street High School

LEILA WADLEY Wagga Wagga High School SARAH WASER Woolooware High School

ABBY WASON Ungarie Central School **LACHLAN WAY** Girraween High School

SAVANNAH WHITE Morisset High School

Minister's Award for **Excellence in Teaching**

Recognising teachers who deliver the highest quality education to their students and contribute to their professional communities.

LAUREN ARENTSEN Beechwood Public School

STEVE ATKINSON Leura Public School

MELANIE CASSIN

Bossley Park High School **SHARON DEVOY**

Heaton Public School

PATRICK FISHER Asquith Girls High School

KIM FRASER Elderslie Public School

EMILY FUREY Mount Colah Public School

MIKE GADOW The Hills Sports High School **RHIANNA GRENTELL**

Clovelly Public School SHERLYNN HERNANDEZ

Fowler Road School **COURTNEY HIGGINS** Prestons Public School

MELINDA HORGAN Mayfield East Public School

JESSICA HUNTINGDON Marton Public School

NATALIE JOHNSON Mayfield East Public School

HUBERT LAM

Normanhurst Boys High School

MICHELE MORGAN

Lidcombe Public School

AMI MORROW Merewether High School

SUSAN NATTER

Eschol Park Public School

DEBORAH PADDOCK

Elderslie Public School **RENÈ PARK**

Mathoura Public School

NIKYETTA PENCHEFF Woodport Public School

EMMA PLEFFER Bingara Central School

TIM POST Morriset High School

BRENT PRITCHARD Towradgi Public School

HEMALATHA RAGHUNATHAN (SWAMI)

Liverpool Girls High School **SHAREN SCERRI**

Old Guildford Public School **SONIA STAWSKI**

Picnic Point Public School **EMMA STOKES** Wyalong Public School

ALICEN WAUGH Murray High School





Secretary's Award for Excellent Service

Recognising NSW Department of Education employees (teaching and non-teaching) who have shown outstanding effort in improving the quality of teaching, learning outcomes and/or school environments in the NSW public education sector.

EBRU ATES Rouse Hill High School

ANITA BARRY Ulladulla High School

COURTNEY CASSAR Pennant Hills High School

VERA CHEVELL Bossley Park High School

JUSTINE DREW Blaxland East Primary School

GENELLE GOLDFINCHFairfield West Public School

GABRIELLE LEUNG Secondary College of Languages

BRAD LEWISGosford Public School

BARRY MOTT Burrumbuttock Public School

ANDREW PICKERING Corowa High School

DR KATHLEEN SETO Fairvale High School

JESSICA SOMNER West Wallsend High School

PETER STANES
Taren Point Public School

ALISON STANTON
Coonabarabran High School

SUZY TAPLIN
Ulladulla High School

SALLY TAYLOR Coonamble High School

ANNA TSOUTSA
Auburn Girls High School

VASVA ZUGNA Ringrose Public School

Secretary's Award for Outstanding School Initiative

The award is presented to NSW public schools demonstrating – via a specific program, event or initiative – their commitment to teaching and learning outcomes, leadership, supporting the students and/or creating a sustainable learning environment.

ALBERT PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL BEXHILL PUBLIC SCHOOL DORROUGHBY

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

DUNOON PUBLIC SCHOOL GOONELLABAH PUBLIC SCHOOL LISMORE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

LISMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL LISMORE SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

THE RIVERS SECONDARY COLLEGE - KADINA HIGH CAMPUS

THE RIVERS SECONDARY COLLEGE – LISMORE HIGH CAMPUS

THE RIVERS SECONDARY
COLLEGE - RICHMOND RIVER
HIGH CAMPUS

WILSON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL Rivers Academy of STEM Excellence

CARINGBAH HIGH SCHOOL
GIFTed Student Wellbeing Initiative

CHIFLEY COLLEGE MOUNT DRUITT

SAS Program- Skills for Academic Success

COMO PUBLIC SCHOOL Small Schools Learning Alliance

CONDELL PARK HIGH SCHOOL HSC Student tracking

CURRAN PUBLIC SCHOOL Breakfast Library

EAST HILLS BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Autoshed Program
ELIZABETH MACARTHUR HIGH
SCHOOL

LION Program

FAIRVALE PUBLIC SCHOOL Community Liaison Officer

GOROKAN HIGH SCHOOL Banal Ngaruga-dhi – Aboriginal Curriculum

LIVERPOOL BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Literacy and Numeracy Framework

MULWAREE HIGH SCHOOL

Opportunity Shop

MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Murrumbidgee Academy of STEM Excellence



ROOTY HILL HIGH SCHOOL Student Agency

THE SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL SCHOOL

The eTour Incursion

ULLADULLA HIGH SCHOOL The Sanctuary

WEST WALLSEND HIGH SCHOOL Stage 6 IGNITE

Secretary's School Achievement Award

This prestigious award recognises NSW public schools that have successfully created a sustainable learning environment through a whole-of-school project. Schools receiving this award must demonstrate significant improvement in learning outcomes and opportunities, excellence in student learning, maximising learning opportunities for all students as well as community leadership.

ASHFIELD BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Efficacy Led School Improvement
AUBURN NORTH PUBLIC
SCHOOL

Collective Teacher Efficacy Project
CONDELL PARK PUBLIC
SCHOOL

Talk for Writing

DELUNGRA PUBLIC SCHOOL Koala Project

GUISE PUBLIC SCHOOL Student Led Inspire Team

GULGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL Visible Learning Project

MINCHINBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Achievement in Reading

NORTH WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL Reading Project

PRAIRIEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL Building & Sustaining Universal Success

YATES AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL Mathematics Success

Public School Parent of the Year

The Public School Parent of the Year Award is a prestigious award presented to parents, guardians and caregivers who have made a significant contribution to their local NSW public school community.

TONY BAERWINKEL Dapto Public School

TRACEY BEH & ALEX KOH North Sydney Boys High School

MOONISA BLINMAN Harrington Street Public School

ANTHONY BOROS Regentville Public School

NACIYE BOTTOS Ermington West Public School

SIMONE BUTLER
Macdonald Valley Public School

EMMA MARR

Gooloogong Public School
MARGARET MARTIN

NBSC – Manly Selective Campus CATHY PRESCOTT

Wagga Wagga High School BELINDA ROBSON

Mount Kuring-gai Public School LISA ROTHWELL

LISA ROTHWELL Asquith Girls High School

JO UBILLA Towradgi Public School

SALLY YATES

Wadalba Community School



Story of a Scholar

Noah of Albion Park High School

Recipient of the Waratah Education Foundation Secondary Transition Scholarship (2023–24)

Leave No One Behind

Public Education Foundation (PEF) and WorkVentures partner to ignite disadvantaged student potential, with plenty of learning and smiles along the way.

The Challenge

Enable hidden inspirational students like Noah, and his family, to bridge the digital divide.

The Outcome

Noah is excelling in his studies with his refurbished laptop and assisting his siblings with their studies whilst making his mum Kirsty more than proud.





The digital divide refers to people who do not have access to devices and connectivity and lack digital literacy skills. According to the Australian Digital Inclusion Index 2023, approximately 10% of our population (2.3 million Australians) remain highly excluded from the digital world, including reliable internet access and devices.

Students who are unable to access the digital world are at risk of falling behind academically and being excluded socially. Both WorkVentures and PEF are deeply committed to bridging this digital divide for young people. Our organisations work together to provide laptops to disadvantaged school students, more than 700 to date, so they can complete their schoolwork and pursue their passions.

Say G'day to Noah

Noah, a Year 7 student at Albion Park High School, is the recipient of PEF's Waratah Education Foundation Secondary Transition Scholarship. This scholarship supports NSW students in their first two years of secondary education to encourage them to realise their academic potential.

With his scholarship package Noah quickly obtained a WorkVentures laptop amongst other essential schooling items. Prior to receiving this laptop, Noah shared a single household computer with his mum and three siblings. His WorkVentures laptop was something he could take to school, have pride in as a personal possession and provide him infinitely more learning opportunities.

After receiving his laptop, Noah has found it easier to complete his schoolwork at a high level. He has made significant progress in subjects such as Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE) and French. Noah found that in the past, having to complete his schoolwork with paper and pen was putting him at a disadvantage. He was one of several students in his class who didn't have a laptop, which made it difficult for him to keep up. Now, all students in his class have their own laptop and they can strive for success together.

In addition to completing his schoolwork, Noah is able to engage with his creative passions, such as music, dance and art. He also helps his siblings complete their schoolwork on his laptop, which is a marker of his generous spirit.

Noah's Next Steps

Noah has not let any roadblocks stand in his way. In recent times, he has experienced the effects of bushfires, floods, and of course COVID-19, but he has always maintained his strong work ethic. He has a desire to perform well academically and pushes himself to overcome challenges. Noah is eager to see success in his life as he aspires to attend TAFE or get an apprenticeship. In the future, he'd like to run his own business.

Noah's principal says, "Noah can always be found lending a helping hand to both staff and students. He has an upstanding personality and advocates for students who may need a helping hand or moral support."

The road ahead for PEF and WorkVentures

Noah is just one of hundreds of thousands of students who aren't able to access technology. These students all over the country still require laptops and connectivity. WorkVentures and PEF are dedicated to supporting as many students as possible to help bridge the digital divide. Let's aim to leave no one behind.

Team

David Riordan

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CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

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Karen Griffiths

SCHOLARSHIP MANAGER

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Craig Nhobbs

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Lynne Munnich

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

David Hetherington

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (resigned 25 Nov 22)

Narges Bagheri

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT (resigned 25 Aug 22)

Ambassadors

The Public Education Foundation is supported by our Ambassadors who advocate for the Foundation and public education in various ways. We are very grateful for their time, expertise and commitment.

- 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
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Volunteers

The Public Education Foundation could not operate without the support of the many volunteers who have donated over 2,635 hours of their time throughout the last financial year. We would like to thank those who sat on selection panels, assisted with events and programs, advocated for us, consulted in various disciplines, mentored students, helped when we needed it and generally cared enough to give us their valuable time. This included:

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We would like to extend our additional thanks to Judy Thompson, Susan North, Kerry Johnson and Anna Booy for assisting with the Foundation's activities.

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Past president of the Australian Association for Research in Education, former member of the Executive of the Australian College of Educators.



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Chartered Accountant in the accounting profession for over 15 years. Currently an audit partner with Deloitte.



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Dr Philip Roberts B.Ed, PhD | Director (from 13 June 2023)

Associate Professor in Curriculum Inquiry and Rural Education in the Faculty of Education at the University of Canberra. Prior to moving to the university sector 14 years ago Dr Philip Roberts was a teacher and school executive in rural and remote schools for 12 years. He has held various positions on NSW curriculum boards, NSW departmental boards, the NSW teacher registration board and the teachers union.



Carol Taylor BA, Dip.Ed, M.Ed | Director

Former education consultant to the NSW Education Minister, former Chief Executive of the NSW Board of Studies and acting Chief Executive of the NSW Institute of Teachers.



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Pro Vice-Chancellor – Indigenous Strategy and Leadership at the University of Newcastle. Director of ARLIC and NESA and Chairperson of the NESA – Aboriginal Education Forum.

Management Team During Reporting Period

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Financial Report 30 June 2023

The following financial information has been extracted from the 2022–23 Financial Report which can viewed on our website:

publiceducationfoundation.org.au

Public Education Foundation Ltd Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income | FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023





		2023	2022
	Notes	\$	\$
Revenue and other income	2(a) & 2(b)	2,585,263	2,851,956
Gain/(Loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	3	93,151	(539,875)
Other income		13,182	608
Expenses			
Scholarship expenses	2(b)	(1,928,363)	(1,547,774)
Employee benefits expense		(570,630)	(474,149)
Auditors remuneration	4	(28,000)	(20,500)
Finance costs		(5,458)	(6,602)
Software expense		(48,182)	(46,053)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		-	(1,203)
Other expenses		(169,442)	(184,880)
Surplus before income tax expense		(58,479)	31,528
Income tax expense	1(b)	-	-
(Loss) / Surplus after income tax expense for the year attributable to members of The Foundation		(58,479)	31,528
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to members of The Foundation		(58,479)	31,528

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Public Education Foundation Ltd Statement of financial position | AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	\$	\$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	216,703	853,908
Trade and other receivables	6	232,842	158,608
Inventories		-	32,632
Total current assets		449,545	1,045,148
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets	7	-	-
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	4,001,837	3,475,684
Total non-current assets		4,001,837	3,475,684
Total assets		4,451,382	4,520,832
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	61,851	36,941
Employee benefits	10	75,031	71,237
Scholarship liabilities	11	455,090	492,802
Total current liabilities		591,972	600,980
		0.022	11 000
Employee benefits	10	9,933	11,896
Total non-current liabilities		9,933	11,896
Total liabilities		601,905	612,876
Net assets		3,849,477	3,907,956
Equity			
Retained earnings	12	401,585	328,587
Scholarship reserve	12	3,447,892	3,579,369
Total equity		3,849,477	3,907,956

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Public Education Foundation Ltd Statement of changes in equity | FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Retained earnings	Scholarship reserve	Total equity
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 30 June 2021	824,434	3,051,994	3,876,428
Transfer from retained earnings to scholarship reserve for scholarship income received but unexpended during the year	(527,375)	527,375	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	31,528	-	31,528
Balance at 30 June 2022	328,587	3,579,369	3,907,956
Balance at 1 July 2022	328,587	3,579,369	3,907,956
Transfer from retained earnings to scholarship reserve for scholarship income received but unexpended during the year	131,477	(131,477)	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	(58,479)	-	(58,479)
Balance at 30 June 2023	401,585	3,447,892	3,849,477

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

Public Education Foundation Ltd Statement of cash flows | FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from donations and grants	2,410,238	2,713,476
Payments to suppliers and employees	(789,513)	(732,395)
Payments to scholarship recipients	(2,016,975)	(1,582,050)
Interest paid	(5,458)	(6,602)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	(401,708)	392,429
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividend, interest and distribution income received	197,505	144,597
Proceeds from sale of financial assets through profit or loss	1,391,739	95,668
Payments for financial assets through profit or loss	(1,824,741)	(161,290)
Net cash inflow from investing activities	(235,497)	78,975
Cash flows from financing activities	-	
Net cash flows from financing activities	-	-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(637,205)	471,404
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	853,908	382,504
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	216,703	853,908

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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We are grateful to our partners and donors whose support allows us to extend our reach every year and support increasing numbers of students and their communities.

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Recipient of Rural & Remote Indigenous Secondary School Scholarship

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2009-2023

730 NEW

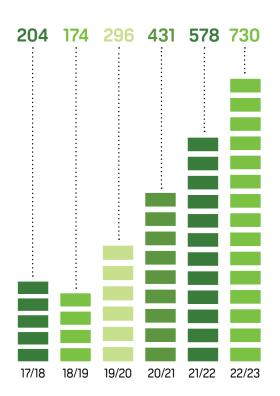
Scholarships awarded in 2022-23 (includes educators)





Total new students:

















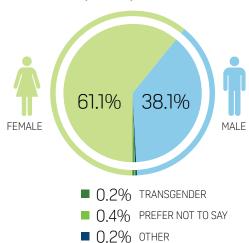
SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDING

\$1,928,363

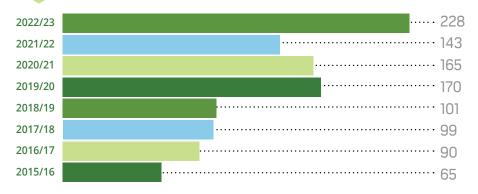
2022-23

\$8,950,495 2009-2023 cumulative

Scholarship recipients:



Schools engaged each year



TOTAL SCHOOLS ENGAGED TO JUNE 2023

Our Impact:

Continued



Why (Purpose)

We imagine a world where all Australian students can thrive equally.



How (Intention)

Helping public school students and educators push beyond the limits and make a difference.



What (Opportunity)

We create change through creative investments in students and their communities, which ignites and enables Australia's potential.



By the numbers

3,000+ student scholarships awarded 95% students confirmed their PEF scholarship amount made a difference 85% students agreed PEF scholarship assisted their academic results 120+ educator scholarships awarded

The PEF story in brief

What started as a movement 15 years ago to ignite the education potential of public school students across Australia, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, has endured from our inception to the current day.

We recognise students need many key ingredients in their lives to flourish. The importance of teachers, parents, carers and community makes our efforts multifaceted, and particularly guides our investment in funding both students and teachers and their collective success.

Our belief is that education is a great equaliser in an often-unequal world, and a first class public education system is fundamental to civil society. In looking back over the last 15 years, and looking at what's ahead, we are guided by our twofold mission of not only investing in student and educator potential but also the promotion and advocacy of a high quality, widely respected public education system.



What is the problem?

Poverty is often the result of a series of interconnected, systemic failures. This is why Public Education Foundation invests and partners broadly across Australia so as to strengthen our community's foundations and the potential of Australian public school students.

In Australia, 1.2 million children and young people grow up in poverty with the impact of their economic status extending far beyond their home life and into the classroom. By the time disadvantaged students reach year 12, a student from a low socio-economic background has a high school completion rate of 60%, versus a student from a high socio-economic background who will have a 90% school completion rate.

How do we address the issue?

With 85% of students agreeing a PEF scholarship assisted their academic results, we know that a small financial investment can have a significant impact on their educational trajectory. Nonetheless, we're not only focused on this investment.

Our offering to students includes laptops via WorkVentures, mentors, online tutoring via Studiosity, alumni access and a whole lot more. We explore any opportunities which we hear our students are interested in pursuing, and then seek to share these opportunities with as many students and educators as possible.

We're mindful, and have been since our inception, that we are unable to achieve our aspirations alone. That is why we continue to partner closely with several organisations who have a kindred spirit aligned with our own. We work closely with all of those who are steadfast in our knowledge of the long term benefits to Australia of investing in education and our young students.

What is the road ahead?

PEF is constantly considering its path ahead, and we will be developing a new multi-year strategy in 2024 with the arrival of our new CEO. In a similar spirit to our last CEO David Hetherington, we anticipate this will involve further expansion of our core business of scholarships, while exploring opportunities to support public education through advocacy, research and innovation.





Making a donation, no matter how small, can make a difference to one of our scholars. Help us give students in public education every opportunity. All donations of \$2 and above are tax-deductible for Australian residents. At PEF, we ensure that no more than 10% of your gift goes towards administrative expenses. This means that 90% of your donation goes directly to benefit a child.

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