



Victorian Proudly Public!

AWARDS 2024

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**PUBLIC EDUCATION
FOUNDATION** 

We Give Life-Changing Scholarships



We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and pay respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.

Welcome

This is the first time that the Public Education Foundation (PEF) has hosted such an important event in Victoria. It is an opportunity to honour our Victorian scholarship recipients and acknowledge the generous supporters who make these scholarships possible. In particular, we would like to acknowledge the support of Victoria's Department of Education, the Australian Education Union Victorian Branch and Toyota Community Trust.

These life-changing scholarships for students focus on removing the barriers to achievement created by social and economic disadvantage. PEF also supports teachers, principals, and other education leaders by providing them with opportunities to access the very best professional development on offer in Australia and around the world.

PEF aims to support students with particular educational needs or talents – students who without extra help may struggle to reach their full potential. We are very proud of the fact that 31% of our scholarships are awarded to First Nations Peoples nationally. These awards celebrate public education's enduring values of integrity, excellence, respect, responsibility, cooperation, participation, care, fairness, democracy, sustainability, and opportunity.

This is also an opportunity to recognise and reward the individual teachers and school leaders for their commitment to excellence. Creating a supportive, positive, and caring learning environment is the core business of our teachers who are responsible for delivering high quality education to the students in their care. These passionate teachers and principals are knowledgeable, professional, effective, and proudly engaged in teaching and learning within our diverse public education system. Our world class public education system is at the cornerstone of the future of this nation.

David Riordan
CEO Public Education Foundation (PEF)

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Order of Proceedings

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WELCOME TO VICTORIAN PROUDLY PUBLIC! AWARDS

David Riordan
Chief Executive Officer
Public Education Foundation

OPENING ADDRESS

Erin Aulich
Branch Secretary, Australian Education Union Victoria

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

- Acacia Program Scholarship
- AEU Federal Refugee Scholarship
- AEU Victorian Secondary Indigenous Scholarship
- AEU Victorian Secondary Refugee Scholarship
- Amaroo Foundation Victorian Primary Scholarship
- Amaroo Foundation Victorian Scholarship
- Friends of Zainab Senior Secondary Scholarship
- Friends of Zainab Tertiary Scholarship
- Lilly Murphy Memorial Scholarship
- Mrin and Prakash Nayagam Victorian Secondary Scholarship
- National Rural & Remote Tertiary Scholarship

PEF National Secondary Scholarship

Public Education Foundation Secondary Scholarship

Rural & Remote Indigenous Secondary Scholarship

VET in Schools Scholarship

Walter and Eliza Hall Trust Opportunity Scholarship

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

David Wynne
PEF Board Director

EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

- Teachers Health Early Career Scholarship
- Teachers Mutual Bank Victorian Mid-Career Scholarship
- Toyota Community Trust STEM Teachers Scholarship
- Public Education Foundation Principals Scholarship
- Teachers Mutual Bank Principals Scholarship

EDUCATOR ADDRESS

George Allen
Cobram Secondary College

CLOSING REMARKS

David Riordan

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:





Our Scholarship Recipients

ACACIA PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP 2023

The Acacia Program scholarships provide financial assistance to high potential secondary school students attending public schools in specific regions across Australia.

- Heather Arthur**
Phoenix P-12 Community College
- Ada Drylie**
Mount Clear College
- Isabella Koros**
Mount Rowan Secondary College
- Hope Shelby**
Phoenix P-12 Community College
- Chelsea Smolenaers**
Phoenix P-12 Community College

ACACIA PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP 2024

- Lucinda Koros**
Mount Rowan Secondary College
- Charlee O'Malley**
Mount Clear College

AEU FEDERAL REFUGEE SCHOLARSHIP 2024

Funded by the Australian Education Union (AEU) – Federal, this scholarship provides support for refugee students, in public secondary schools across Australia, for the final three years of their secondary education.

- Nay Se Par**
Eaglehawk Secondary College

AEU VICTORIAN SECONDARY INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP 2023

Funded by the AEU Victorian Branch, these scholarships support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in their senior years of education in public schools in Victoria.

- Destiny French**
Chaffey Secondary College

AEU VICTORIAN SECONDARY INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP 2024

- Harmony Baxter**
Chaffey Secondary College

AEU VICTORIAN SECONDARY REFUGEE SCHOLARSHIP 2023

Funded by the AEU Victorian Branch, these scholarships support refugee students in their senior years of education in public schools in Victoria.

- Abid Fazli**
Fountain Gate Secondary College
- Bawi Tin Hnen**
Werribee Secondary College

AEU VICTORIAN SECONDARY REFUGEE SCHOLARSHIP 2024

- En Hser**
Eaglehawk Secondary College

AMAROO FOUNDATION VICTORIAN PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP 2023

The Amaroo Foundation scholarships support Victorian school students for two years to enable them to participate fully in their education.

- Tracey Ahishakiye**
Quarry Hill Primary School
- Zainab Al-Shammary**
Wollert Primary School
- Jumana Al-Zerkani**
Lalor Gardens Primary School
- Jayden Amol**
Manor Lakes P-12 College
- Nicholas Benson**
Marysville Primary School
- Maddison Cooke**
Balliang East Primary School
- Declan Cooper**
Clifton Creek Primary School
- Lilly-Ann Cooper**
Clifton Creek Primary School
- Kiharn Fitzgerald**
Wunghnu Primary School
- Jack McGowan**
Nagambie Primary School
- Milla O'Bryan**
Bandida Primary School
- Armani Salem**
Rushworth P-12 College
- Rose Semmens**
Craigieburn South Primary School



AMAROO FOUNDATION VICTORIAN SCHOLARSHIP 2024

Caleb Cheshire
Rosehill Secondary College

FRIENDS OF ZAINAB SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP 2023

Provides support for Year 11 and 12 refugee students through the critical years of their VCE.

Zahra Mosawi
Fountain Gate Secondary College
Tee Ku Shee
Eaglehawk Secondary College

FRIENDS OF ZAINAB SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP 2024

Fatima Ahmadi
Cranbourne Secondary College
Mahmood Alizada
Cranbourne Secondary College
Muqtada Al-Shammary
Lalor Secondary College
Negar Rezaei
Chaffey Secondary College
Thikalnila Sivamohan
Dandenong High School

FRIENDS OF ZAINAB TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP 2023

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

Javouna Aqili
Dandenong High School

FRIENDS OF ZAINAB TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP 2024

Leza Alzebaree
Hume Central Secondary College
Sali Asho
Hume Central Secondary College
Daud Haidari
Cranbourne Secondary College

LILLY MURPHY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2024

Established in honour of Lilly Murphy, a Year 12 student who passed away in November 2021 from cancer. This scholarship supports public school students, passionate about equity and social justice, through the final two years of their senior studies.

Darcie Hessey
Chaffey Secondary College

MRIN AND PRAKASH NAYAGAM VICTORIAN SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP 2023

These scholarships, funded by Drs Mrin and Prakash Nayagam, provide financial assistance to refugee and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Victorian public high schools, who may otherwise not have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Meisha Kerrie Lee-Hooper
Upper Yarra Secondary School
Fereshta Rahimi
Narre Warren South P-12 College

“The Friends of Zainab scholarship will help me to buy a computer to access at home, which means that I don't have to share my one with my siblings.”

FRIENDS OF ZAINAB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



MRIN AND PRAKASH NAYAGAM VICTORIAN SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP 2024

Issabelle Borthwick
Manor Lakes P-12 College
Bailey Lee-Hooper
Upper Yarra Secondary School

NATIONAL RURAL & REMOTE TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP 2024

This scholarship provides financial assistance to high potential students as they transition into and progress through post-school education at a public university or TAFE.

Angus Byron
Warracknabeal Secondary College

PEF NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP 2024

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

Alex Naiyaga
Cobram Secondary College
Trang Nguyen
Buckley Park College
Alyssa Tran
The Mac.Robertson Girls' High School

PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP 2023

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

Jarrah Hood
Epping Secondary College

PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP 2024

Persia-Ray Maana-Collins
Rutherglen High School
Beau Smith
Chaffey Secondary College

RURAL & REMOTE INDIGENOUS SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP 2023

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

RURAL & REMOTE INDIGENOUS SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP 2024

Faith Seeby
Chaffey Secondary College

VET IN SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP 2024

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

Dar Ni Wah
Eaglehawk Secondary College
Tyler Wiese
Chaffey Secondary College

WALTER AND ELIZA HALL TRUST OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP 2023

These scholarships provide support to assist students with a physical disability to transition from high school to tertiary education studies at a public university to commence study for a degree.

Arif Alizada
Dandenong High School



TOYOTA COMMUNITY TRUST STEM TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP 2024

Funded by the Toyota Community Trust, these scholarships provide professional development funding for teachers involved in all aspects of STEM teaching allowing them to continue to build their STEM knowledge.

Sharelle Brownbill
Parkwood Green Primary School
Tooba Awais
Mooroolbark College

WALTER AND ELIZA HALL TRUST OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP 2024

Sophie McCarthy
Belmont High School

TEACHERS HEALTH EARLY CAREER SCHOLARSHIP 2024

The Teachers Health Early Career scholarship supports school teachers in the first three years of their teaching careers to undertake professional development.

George Allen
Cobram Secondary College

TEACHERS MUTUAL BANK VICTORIAN MID-CAREER SCHOLARSHIP 2023

This Teachers Mutual Bank scholarship supports Victorian mid-career public school teachers to undertake professional development.

Nicholas Ansell
Grovedale College

TEACHERS MUTUAL BANK VICTORIAN MID-CAREER SCHOLARSHIP 2024

Katie O'Connell
St Albans Secondary College

PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION PRINCIPALS SCHOLARSHIP 2023

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

Sean Butler
Preston High School

TEACHERS MUTUAL BANK PRINCIPALS SCHOLARSHIP 2024

Funded by Teachers Mutual Bank, this scholarship provides principals of public schools an opportunity to undertake a short professional education program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Ann Turner-Calleri
Edgars Creek Primary School



WHAT WE DO

Support students who face social and economic disadvantage to achieve their full potential through life-changing scholarships.

Provide professional development opportunities to educators and school leaders to enable them to extend their leadership and teaching skills.

Enhance the value and reputation of Australia's public schools, ensuring every Australian has access to a high-quality, inclusive education.



INVESTING IN EDUCATION

To support the vital role played by public education in ensuring fair, equitable and high-quality education for all, you can donate to the Public Education Foundation. Donations are tax deductible and can be made online at [givenow.com.au/publiceducationfoundation](https://www.givenow.com.au/publiceducationfoundation).

The Public Education Foundation brings together governments, schools, parents, students, individuals and corporate and philanthropic organisations who share a commitment to improving equity and excellence in education in Australia.

Find out how you can help students reach their full potential:
[publiceducationfoundation.org.au](https://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au)

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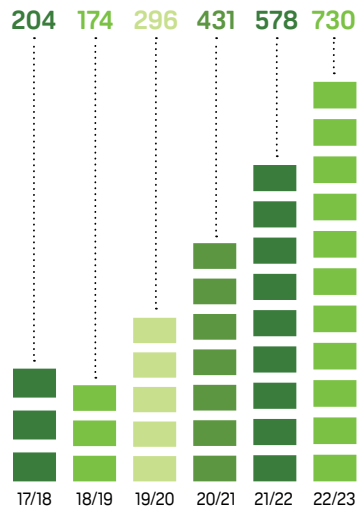


Our Impact: 2009-2023

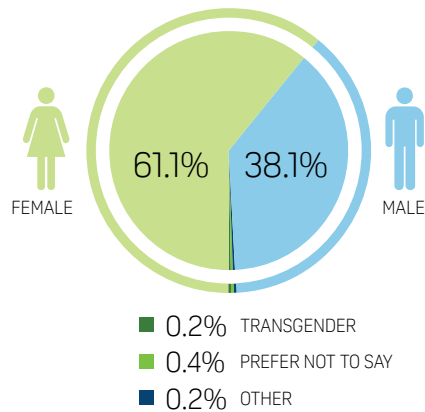
730 NEW Scholarships awarded in 2022-23
(includes educators)



Total new students:



Scholarship recipients:



SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDING

\$1,928,363 2022-23

\$8,950,495 2009-2023 CUMULATIVE

APPLICATION NUMBERS ACROSS AUSTRALIA

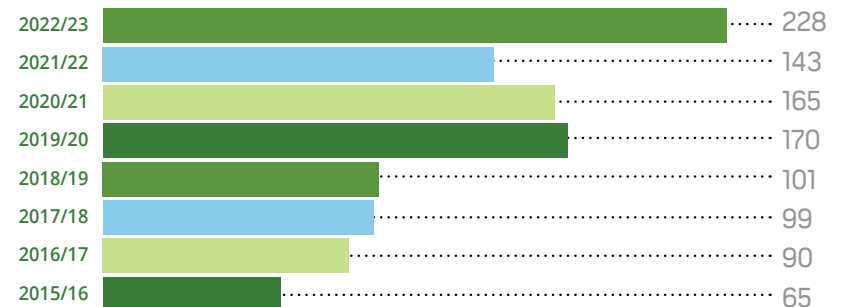


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TOTAL SCHOOLS ENGAGED TO JUNE 2023




Schools engaged each year





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