

Proudly Public!

2023 AWARDS

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



PUBLIC EDUCATION
FOUNDATION 

We Give Life-Changing Scholarships



Welcome

Presenters

The Public Education Foundation acknowledges the Dharug people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we work, and we pay our respects to Aboriginal Elders past, present and emerging.

It is a wonderful privilege to host the 2023 Proudly Public! Awards.

Once more, we celebrate the enduring values of our public education system. One of these values is excellence, which you will see in spades tonight – in the performances, in the speeches, in the personal stories. Even more importantly, you will see the fundamental public school values of character and resilience, values that we in public education have drawn on more than ever as we've charted our way through the pandemic and the new normal. Many of our scholarship winners have displayed remarkable strength of character in reaching the achievements they have so far, and will no doubt draw on these for the many achievements still to come.

Tonight you'll be entertained by the Southern Stars of the NSW Department of Education, inspired by a proud alumni of Holroyd High School, former Public Education Foundation (PEF) scholarship recipient and now fifth-year University of Technology Sydney civil engineering student Baraa Omar and delighted by a proud alumni of Hurlstone Agricultural High School and former journalist, soldier, proud Campbelltonian and writer Julieanne Horsman.

Of course, the evening is also a forum to say thank you to the many generous supporters of public education – the individuals, foundations and companies who make these scholarships possible. I'm sure our gratitude at PEF is shared by all the winners and their families here tonight.

In closing, allow me to ask you one small favour. Next time you're in a conversation about schools, remember the moving stories you've heard here tonight and give a little plug to the wonderful public education system in which they take shape. It never hurts to be Proudly Public!

Yours in public education,

Paul Somers
Chief Operating Officer

P.S. If you're inspired by what you see, please visit publiceducationfoundation.org.au to watch, share or donate!

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:



Baraa Omar

Baraa Omar is a former PEF scholarship recipient who moved from Syria to Sydney due to war in 2013. She has overcome great difficulties in her life though has never let that stop her as she now approaches the end of her engineering studies at UTS. Scholarship opportunities such as PEF's make her feel "welcomed, lucky and happy to call Australia home".



Julianne Horsman

Having graduated from Hurlstone Agricultural High School and the University of Wollongong, Julieanne Horsman has done everything over the past 20 years ranging from being a soldier to a journalist, writer and newsreader. Her diversity of professional experiences and deep commitment to her community through multiple volunteering roles is an inspiration to us all.

Order of Proceedings

“THIS SCHOLARSHIP HAS A ROLE IN IMPROVING MANY FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF MY STUDYING JOURNEY. AS A UNIVERSITY STUDENT, THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL HELP ME TO KEEP UPDATED WITH THE RECENT TECHNOLOGY DEVICES THAT I NEED IN MY STUDY. IT ALSO HELPS ME TO SAVE MONEY FOR FUTURE STUDY NEEDS.”

Friends of Zainab Tertiary Scholarship recipient

“THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL ENABLE ME TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL LIFE. IT WILL ENABLE ME TO GO ON EXCURSIONS THAT I OTHERWISE WOULD BE UNABLE TO ATTEND. I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SELECT SUBJECTS I AM INTERESTED IN BUT COULD NOT HAVE DONE DUE TO THE HIGHER COSTS ASSOCIATED.”

Connected Communities Scholarship recipient

Pre-Show Entertainment

Smith's Hill High School String Ensemble

Acknowledgement of Country

Ulladulla High School's Bunaan Yandabal Dancers

Welcome to Proudly Public!

Julieanne Horsman

Opening Address

The Hon. Prue Car,
Deputy Premier and Minister
for Education and Early Learning

Message From

The Hon. Jason Clare MP,
Federal Minister for Education

Scholarship Presentations

Walter and Eliza Hall Trust
Opportunity Scholarship

Vorsay Scholarship
NSW Teachers Federation Primary
Scholarship

Public Education Foundation
Primary Scholarship

Waratah Education Foundation
Primary Scholarship

Waratah Education Foundation
Secondary Transition Scholarship

David S Ratner Scholarship
Conservatorium High School
Scholarship

Emorgo Scholarship for Music
Harry Cox Award

Patricia Long Conservatorium
High School Scholarship

Performance – *Walking on Sunshine*

Vocalists: Kristin Mitchell, Kitarni Aranda, Jasmine Whiddon, Bella Laga'aia and Phoebe Cavanough.

Dancers: Ruby Porteous, Angelise Cox, Amelia Schmidt, Imogen Hawker, Emma Whiddon, Ashleigh Whiddon, Jnaha Smith, Eva McKay, Bella Wester and Samantha Cowie.

Scholarship Presentations

Aboriginal Education Council
Scholarship

Aboriginal Education Council
Sports Scholarship

Pat Zinn Memorial Scholarship

Andrew Casey Indigenous
Scholarship

Connected Communities
Scholarship

Public Education Foundation
Indigenous Scholarship

Rural & Remote Indigenous
Primary Scholarship

Una May Smith Scholarship

Performance – *Always Remember Us This Way*

Piper Farrell

Scholarship Presentations

NSW Teachers Federation Refugee
Scholarship

Friends of Zainab Senior Secondary
Scholarship

Friends of Zainab Tertiary
Scholarship

NSW Teachers Federation TAFE
Scholarship

Remarks from the Chief Operating Officer

Paul Somers

Keynote Speaker

Baraa Omar

Performance – *Edge of Great*

Vocalists: Riley Lattuga,
Max Fernandez, Reuben Aquilira,
Alexander Billet, Charlie Brown,
August Turnbull, Ruby Martin
and Jayda Coccia.

Scholarship Presentations

Acacia Program Scholarship

Manifold Road Creative Scholarship

NSW Retired Teachers Scholarship

PEF National Secondary
Scholarship

Public Education Foundation
Secondary Scholarship

Public Education Foundation
Social Justice Scholarship

Queensland Teachers Union
Secondary Scholarship

Royal Bank of Canada Secondary
Scholarship

Unions NSW Jeff Shaw Memorial
Scholarship

VET in Schools Scholarship

Western Sydney Leadership
Dialogue Secondary Scholarship

Woodcock Family Scholarship

Student Speech

Marcus Jewell
Endeavour Sports High School

Scholarship Presentations

Australia for UNHCR Beddie
Scholarship

Aboriginal Education Council
High Achiever Scholarship

NSW Teachers Federation Awards
for HSC Excellence

NSW Cookery Teachers Association
Scholarship

NSW Department of Education
Public Teaching Scholarship

NSW Nurses and Midwives'
Association Scholarship

Nurses and Midwives Health
Scholarship

Public Education Foundation
Tertiary Scholarship

Teachers Health Tertiary
Scholarship

Performance – *Wake Up*

Vocalists: Chelsea Kokden and
Phoebe Cavanough.

Scholarship Presentations

Teachers Health Early Career
Scholarship

Teachers Mutual Bank Victorian
Mid-Career Scholarship

Harvard Club of Australia Principals
Scholarship

Public Education Foundation
Principals Scholarship

Teachers Mutual Bank Principals
Scholarship

Principals Address

Daniel Rattigan
Finigan School of Distance
Education

Closing Remarks

Julieanne Horsman

Finale Performance – *Don't Stop Me Now*

Southern Stars Performing
Company students

Performers

Pre-Show Entertainment

Smiths Hill High School String Ensemble: Hamish Ackers, Albert Au, Maeve Bradbury, Alice Colley, Abigail Hall, Emma Huang, Joan Lee, Matthew Lin, Rose O'Loughlin, Athina Pates, Hannah Phillips, Aarnav Prabhu, Selena Ren, Harry Rose, Robert Shannon, Matthew Ursino, Nancy Wang and Emily Sutherland.

Teacher: Kathleen Russo.

Acknowledgment of Country

Ulladulla High School's Bunaan Yandabal Dancers

Acknowledgement: Maya Kelly

ULLADULLA HIGH SCHOOL'S BUNAAN YANDABAL DANCERS



Dancers: Jordan Magi, Bahlie Smith, Grace Morrison, Kira Pollock, Kiara Barkle, Tahlie Heycox, Maya Kelly, Lilla Kelly, Annie-Maree Martin, Z'hakayla Cluss-Dinan, Tegan Zerafa, Nahvayah Carter, Emma Storm and Iluka Sail.

Walking on Sunshine

Vocalists: Kristin Mitchell, Kitarni Aranda, Jasmine Whiddon, Bella Laga'ia and Phoebe Cavanaugh.

Dancers: Ruby Porteous, Angelise Cox, Amelia Schmidt, Imogen Hawker, Emma Whiddon, Ashleigh Whiddon, Jnaha Smith, Eva McKay, Bella Wester and Samantha Cowie.

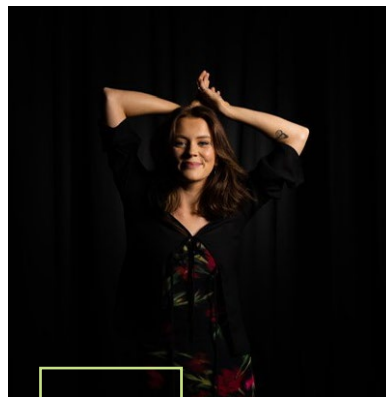
Always Remember Us This Way

Piper Farrell



SOUTHERN STARS PERFORMERS

PIPER FARRELL



Edge of Great

Vocalists: Riley Lattuga, Max Fernandez, Reuben Aquilira, Alexander Billet, Charlie Brown, August Turnbull, Ruby Martin and Jayda Coccia.

Wake Up

Vocalists: Chelsea Kokden and Phoebe Cavanaugh from Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts.

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SOUTHERN STARS



Southern Stars is the premier performing arts event in Southern NSW, involving 3,000 public school students performing to audiences in excess of 12,000 at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong each year.

Southern Stars gives public school students with a passion for music, dance, drama, and circus, an opportunity to perform and entertain in an enthralling celebration of creativity and talent in a world class arena spectacular event.

With a focus on excellence, participation, collaboration and fun - for most students participating in Southern Stars it is the highlight of their school years!

Many students involved in the show over the last 22 years, both as performers and back stage support, have gone on to forge successful careers in the entertainment industry, crediting their experiences in the program for honing their skills and talents.

Over 200 teachers and staff members generously devote their time and energy to the program as choreographers, tutors, in stage management, and many other areas, passing on their expertise, and inspiring and facilitating a new generation of entertainers.

The program is self-funded from ticket sales and generous sponsors, and supported by the NSW Department of Education.

For more information about Southern Stars contact:

Telephone:

0419 402 033

Facebook:

Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular

Instagram:

southernstarsarenaspectacular



Our scholarship recipients

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

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

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

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

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
- Declan Cooper**
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**
Bandidana Primary School - VIC
- Armani Saleem**
Rushworth P-12 College - VIC
- Rose Semmens**
Craigieburn South Primary School - VIC



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 Almuhamma

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

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 Szejman

Deniliquin North Public School

Conservatorium High School Scholarship

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

Alvin Sun

Conservatorium High 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

Harry Cox Award

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

Anastasiia Pyshna

Conservatorium 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

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.

Ngkaria Orcher

Ballina Coast High School

“IT WILL HELP ME TO BUY SCHOOL STUFF SO THAT I CAN DO MY ASSIGNMENTS EASIER AND MUM WON'T HAVE TO STRUGGLE TO GET ME NEW THINGS EACH TERM.”

Andrew Casey Indigenous Scholarship recipient

“THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL ALLOW ME TO OVERCOME MANY OF THE OBSTACLES THAT COME FROM STARTING UNIVERSITY BY EQUIPPING ME WITH THE HELP I NEED TO ACHIEVE MY GOALS. I PLAN TO USE THE SCHOLARSHIP FOR A NEW DEVICE TO TAKE NOTES IN A MORE ORGANISED WAY, TUTORING TO GAIN A BETTER GRASP OF WHAT I AM STUDYING AND ITEMS OR SERVICES THAT WILL HELP ME BE AS INDEPENDENT AS POSSIBLE IN A WHEELCHAIR IN A NEW ENVIRONMENT.”

Walter and Eliza Hall Scholarship recipient

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

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

AEU South Australia Rural & 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

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
Ruby Hoskins Gould
Kempsey High School
Madie Hodgson
Coonamble High School
Breeanna Horne
Kempsey High School
Brojadda Lenton
Kempsey High School
Kirra Marciante-Cobcroft
Shoalhaven High School
Rihanna McBride
Coonamble High School
Jahzarra Moreton-Kincaid
Narooma High School
Jaxson Murphy-Sebbens
Shoalhaven High School
Evan Orgill
Kempsey High School
Giorjet Pinkard
Shoalhaven High School
Ellie Prior
Kempsey High School



"IT WILL HELP MY GRANDMOTHER AND ME GET THINGS FOR SCHOOL LIKE UNIFORMS, EXCURSIONS, SCHOOL PHOTOS AND BOOK CLUB."

Waratah Education Foundation Scholarship recipient

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

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

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

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 Whichelo
Chifley College, Mount Druitt Campus

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 - VIC
Bawi Tin Hnen
Werribee Secondary College - VIC

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
Tahira Roshan
Wagga Wagga High School
Maryam Hossein Zadeh
Callaghan College, Waratah Campus



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
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
Northern Beaches Secondary College, Mackellar Girls Campus
Ann Daabool
Cabramatta High School
Mojdeh Dabestanighamsari
Bankstown Senior College
Narges Eftekhari
Callaghan College, Jesmond Campus
Rekha Ghaley
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
Jovan 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 Koro
Fairfield High School

Iman Salih Madlool
Chester Hill High School
Aruna Majhi
Murray High School
Vanessa Minguemay
Townsville State High School - QLD
Fatima Mohammadi
Yeronga State High School - QLD
Laurentine Mokoumal
Townsville State High School - QLD
Zahra Mosawi
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 Hana
Miller Technology High School
Evana Jibraeel
Miller 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
Ilele Toama
Miller Technology High School
Ahmed Youseif
Lynwood Senior High School - WA

NSW Teachers Federation TAFE Scholarship

Provides financial assistance for up to two years of full time TAFE study for refugee students.

Kands Gorya
Bankstown Senior College



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 Arthur
Phoenix 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 - VIC
Michael Taylor
Corrimal 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

Mrin and Prakash Nagayam Victorian Secondary Scholarship

Provides 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 Lee-Hooper
Gladysdale Primary School - VIC
Fereshta Rahimi
Narre Warren South P12 College - VIC

"THIS WILL ALLOW ME TO HAVE LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES I MAY NOT OTHERWISE HAVE HAD WITHOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP."

NSW Teachers Federation Primary Scholarship recipient

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

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 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
Northern Beaches Secondary College, Mackellar Girls Campus

"IT WILL SUPPORT ME IN COMPLETING MY HSC AND HELP FURTHER PROVIDE ME WITH OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE SCHOOL TO GO ON EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES THAT I NORMALLY WOULD NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO DO."

Public Education Foundation Indigenous Scholarship recipient





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.

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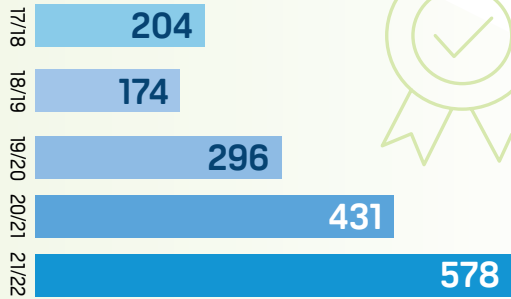


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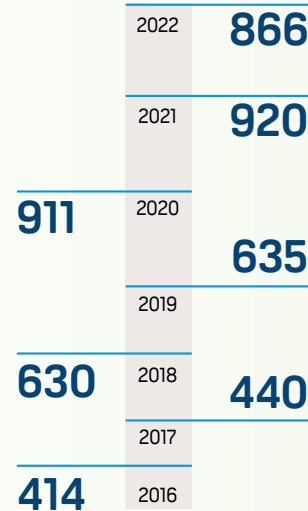
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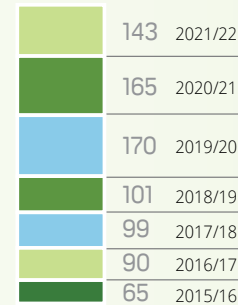
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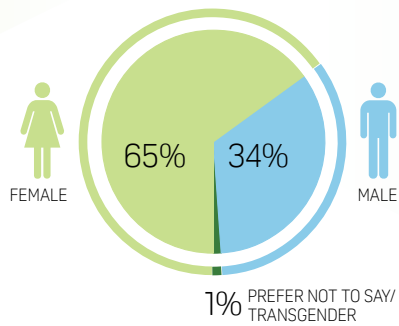
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