

PROUDLY PUBLIC!

2025 AWARDS



**PUBLIC EDUCATION
FOUNDATION** 

We Give Life-Changing Scholarships

Celebrating Excellence
in Public Schools

WELCOME



We are thrilled to host the 2025 Proudly Public! Awards, a remarkable occasion to celebrate our scholarship recipients and express our deeply felt gratitude to the generous supporters who make these scholarships a reality. A special thank you to our major partner, the NSW Department of Education, for their invaluable support!

These transformative scholarships are designed to break down the barriers faced by students due to social and economic challenges. The Public Education Foundation (PEF) is also dedicated to uplifting teachers, principals and education leaders by providing access to top-tier professional development opportunities from Australia and beyond. The gratitude of our scholarship recipients and their families is a testament to the impact of this support.

The 2025 Proudly Public! Awards highlight the vital role of public education, and celebrate the core values that underpin our education system. One of these values is excellence, and you will witness this in abundance tonight—through captivating performances, inspiring speeches and heartfelt personal stories. More importantly, you will see the essential values of character and resilience that our public education community embodies. Our scholarship recipients exemplify remarkable strength of character and will undoubtedly continue to draw on these values in their future achievements.

Prepare to be entertained by the Southern Stars of the NSW Department of Education, and Woonona High Stage Band as our pre-show entertainment. We are also very privileged to welcome Wendy Harmer as our presenter for the evening.

As we celebrate tonight, I encourage you to recollect the uplifting stories from these 2025 Proudly Public! Awards and actively support our outstanding public education system. Together, let's continue to be Proudly Public!

Yours in public education,

Bob Kotic
Interim CEO

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

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We recognise the Ongoing Custodians of the lands and waterways where we work and live. We pay respect to Elders past and present as ongoing teachers of knowledge, songlines and stories. We strive to ensure every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learner achieves their potential through education.



Presenter

Wendy Harmer

Wendy Harmer is one of Australia's most versatile and much-loved entertainers – broadcaster, author, journalist and stage performer.

As a stand-up comedian she performed at the Melbourne, Edinburgh, Montreal and Glasgow Mayfest Comedy Festivals, in London's West End and the Sydney Theatre Company. As a broadcaster, Wendy enjoyed huge popularity leading Sydney radio station 2Day FM's top-rating Breakfast Show for 11 years and was the co-host of ABC's 702 Sydney morning show from 2016-2021.

She has hosted, written and appeared in a variety of TV shows including ABC's *The Big Gig*.

A prolific columnist for a host of magazine and newspaper titles, Wendy is also the author of some thirty books for children, teens and adults. Her children's series 'Pearlie in the Park' has sold a million copies, world-wide and been translated into eight languages. Her latest offering is her memoir 'Lies My Mirror Told Me'.

Wendy lives on Sydney's Northern Beaches.

Order of PROCEEDINGS

Pre-Show Entertainment

Woonona High School
Stage Band

Acknowledgement of Country

Abigail Constantine
Concord High School

Welcome to Proudly Public!

Wendy Harmer

Opening Address

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

Message From

Murat Dizdar
Secretary of the NSW Department
of Education

*Includes presentation of NSW
Department of Education Tertiary
Teaching Scholarship*

Scholarship Presentations

Walter and Eliza Hall Trust
Opportunity Scholarship

Vorsay Scholarship

NSW Teachers Federation Primary
Scholarship

NSW Primary Principals
Association Scholarship

Campbell-Carter Scholarship
(Primary)

Macpherson Kelley Foundation
Primary Scholarship

Public Education Foundation
Primary Scholarship

Mary Vernon Foundation Refugee
Scholarship (Primary)

Waratah Education Foundation
Primary Scholarship

Waratah Education Foundation
Secondary Transition Scholarship

David S Ratner Scholarship

Emorgo Scholarship for Music

Patricia Long Conservatorium
High School Scholarship

Performance - *Cup of Life*

Vocalists: Ruben Aguilera, William
Burns, Julien Daher, Samuel
Dyson, Angus Etheridge, Kate
Greenwood, Chelsea Kokden,
Bella Laga'aia, James Marslew,
Alle Reynolds, Sophie Vandervort,
Jasmine Whiddon.

Dancers: Rosie Bagnall, Imogen
Hawker, Taylah Josephenson,
Layla Kendrick, Cianna Little,
Tylah Smith, Abi Tomlinson, Bella
Wester, Chloe Wilkinson.

Scholarship Presentations

Aboriginal Education Council
Scholarship

Aboriginal Education Council
Sports Scholarship

Andrew Casey Indigenous
Scholarships

Connected Communities
Scholarship

Rural and Remote Indigenous
Primary Scholarship

Rural and Remote Indigenous
Secondary Scholarship

Una May Smith Primary
Scholarship

Aboriginal Education Council
High Achiever Scholarship

Performance – *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*

Bella Laga'aia

Newtown High School
of the Performing Arts

Oscar Haines

Wollongong High School
of the Performing Arts

Scholarship Presentations

NSW Teachers Federation
Refugee Scholarship

Friends of Zainab Senior
Secondary Scholarship

Friends of Zainab Tertiary
Scholarship

NSW Teachers Federation TAFE
Scholarship

Mary Vernon Foundation Refugee
Scholarship (Secondary)

Public Education Foundation CEO

Bob Kotic

Performance – *Sound of Silence*

Chelsea Kokden

Wollongong High School
of the Performing Arts

Scholarship Presentations

Acacia Program Scholarship

AEU Federal Refugee Scholarship

Coca Cola Australia Foundation
Scholarship

Fennell Scholarship for Girls
in STEM

Manifold Road Creative
Scholarship

NSW Retired Teachers Scholarship

PEF National Secondary
Scholarship

Pitcher Partners Secondary
Scholarship

Public Education Foundation
Secondary Scholarship

Secondary Principals Council
Scholarship

Training Combined Scholarship

Unions NSW Jeff Shaw Memorial
Scholarship

VET in Schools Scholarship

Western Sydney Leadership
Dialogue Secondary Scholarship

Western Sydney International
Airport Scholarship

Woodcock Family Scholarship

Student Speakers

Rafeef Al-Majidi

Miller Technology High School

Scholarship Presentations

AEU Federal Refugee Tertiary
Scholarship

Campbell-Carter Scholarship
(Tertiary)

Campbell Edwards Trust
Scholarship

NSW Cookery Teachers
Association Scholarship

NSW Teachers Federation Award
for HSC Excellence

National Regional & Remote
Tertiary Scholarship

National Tertiary Scholarship

NSW Nurses and Midwives'
Association Scholarship

Nurses & Midwives Health
Scholarship NSW

Systra Next Gen Scholarship

Teachers Health Tertiary
Teaching Scholarship NSW

TRG Tertiary Scholarship

UNSW PEF Scholarship

Scholarship Presentations

Teachers Health Early Career
Scholarship

Toyota Community Trust STEM
Teachers Scholarship

Harvard Club of Australia
Principals Scholarship

Teachers Mutual Bank Principals
Scholarship

Public Education Foundation
Principals Scholarship

Principals Address

Belinda Giudice

Gledswood Hills High School

Closing Remarks

Wendy Harmer

Finale Performance – *Sitting on Top of the World*

**Southern Stars Performing
Company**





PERFORMERS

Pre-Show Entertainment

Woonona High School Stage Band

The Woonona High School Stage Band brings energy and skill to a wide range of exciting jazz repertoire. Performing with high level ensemble skills and stylistic knowledge, the students exemplify music in public education. Joseph Dixon, Milla Edmunds, Lucia Hobbs, Scarlett Kilgour, Leonidas Radisic-Arcoudis, Ryley Roberts, William Starr, Arlo Taylor, Finn West, Gracie Wrighter, Oscar Zinsli are excited to perform tonight in the historic and majestic Sydney Town Hall. The ensemble is led by their teacher Rhiannon Sharp, Rebecca Arnold and Lucy Crighton.

You will witness the incredible talent of the featured artists from Southern Stars Performing Company! After a rigorous audition process, we're thrilled to celebrate these amazing student performers with you tonight. Get ready to be dazzled!



Cup of Life

A celebration of talent, passion, and the power of public education. Congratulations to all teachers, parents and students who are represented here tonight.

Vocalists: Ruben Aguilera, William Burns, Julien Daher, Samuel Dyson, Angus Etheridge, Kate Greenwood, Chelsea Kokden, Bella Laga'aia, James Marslew, Alle Reynolds, Sophie Vandervort, Jasmine Whiddon.

Dancers: Rosie Bagnall, Imogen Hawker, Taylah Josephenson, Layla Kendrick, Cianna Little, Tylah Smith, Abi Tomlinson, Bella Wester, Chloe Wilkinson.

Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Get ready to be transported as Bella Laga'aia from Newtown High School of the Performing Arts and Oscar Haines, a talented guitarist from Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts, join forces to deliver a breathtaking rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

Their heartfelt performance is sure to be a highlight of the evening.

Sound of Silence

Get ready to be blown away by the electrifying talent of Chelsea Kokden! At just 17 years old, she's bursting with excitement to deliver an unforgettable performance for all of you tonight.

Sitting on Top of the World

Students from the Southern Stars Performing Company celebrate the achievements of all recipients with the song "Sitting on Top of the World".



Southern Stars

Southern Stars is the premier performing arts event in Southern NSW, involving over 3500 talented public school students performing at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong each year, celebrating 25 years in this 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 – most students participating in Southern Stars say it is the highlight of their school years!

Many students involved in the show over the last 25 years, both as performers and back stage support, have gone on to forge successful careers in the entertainment industry, crediting their experience in the program for honing their skills and talents.

Each year over 300 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:

 **0419 402 033**

 **Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular**

 **@southernstarsarenaspectacular**

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SOUTHERN STARS PERFORMING COMPANY:

The Southern Stars Performing Company is a group of highly talented and disciplined singers, dancers, and musicians who have successfully auditioned to become a part of this elite company. The students have been selected as featured artists and perform at Southern Stars, and events throughout the year such as Education Week, the International Student Awards, media launches, and other sponsorship events.

The Southern Stars Performing Company is thrilled to once again be asked to provide the entertainment for the Public Education Foundation Awards, and we thank the organisers for the opportunity to showcase the exceptional talents of our public school students.

The Company features students from Years 3 to 12, from schools from the Illawarra, Shoalhaven, South Coast, Southern Highlands, and Sydney regions.

STUDENTS AND STAFF PROVIDING TONIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT ARE FROM THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

Albion Park High School, Corrimal High School, Fairy Meadow Dem School, Keira High School, Minnamurra Public School, Moss Vale High School, Mulwaree High School, Newtown High School of the performing arts, Nowra High School, Smith's Hill High School, Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts, Woonona High School, Ulladulla High School.

OUR SCHOLARSHIP Recipients

Walter and Eliza Hall Trust Opportunity Scholarship

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.

SAM ALJABARY

Western Sydney University

CHRISTINE DOUGLAS

Macquarie University

ARIYA HENG

La Trobe University

MUNAZZAH HYDRI

Western Sydney University

CHRISTIAN JANEV

Western Sydney University

OLIVIA KERR

University of Canberra

AYAN OWAIS

University of Melbourne

CHLOE SHARP

University of the Sunshine Coast

Vorsay Scholarship

Provides support and encouragement for primary school students, entering Year 2 in 2025 in a public school in NSW.

SALOTE ALALEA

Rooty Hill Public School

HUNTER BRYANT

Rooty Hill Public School

LARRY HOPPO

Bellambi Public 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.

ELEANOR LENNELL

Port Elliot Primary School

NSW Teachers Federation Primary Scholarship

Funded by the NSW Teachers Federation, these scholarships provide support for students during their time at primary school.

JENNY CHHOEUNG

Cabramatta Public School

JOVIE EMANUEL

Millers Forest Public School

XYLA HOANI

Curran Public School

CHANTELLE WOODFORD

Rooty Hill Public School

NSW Primary Principals Association Scholarship

Provides one-year scholarships for primary-school aged students to enable them to fully participate in their education.

ALISHBAH BATOOL

Merrylands East Public School

ISABELLE BRADSHAW

Alexandria Park Community School

TYAHN HOWARD

Binalong Public School

DOMINIC PHILLIPS

Rooty Hill Public School

Campbell-Carter Scholarship

Supports primary, secondary, and tertiary students from regional, rural and remote Australia facing social and economic challenges.

DAKOTA BARRY

Tenambit Public School

NARLAH BERRY DICKSON

Hillvue Public School

JA'KYLA-ROSE MATTHEWS

Scone Public School

MESSIAH MORRIS-MAY

Kingswood Park Public School

JACOB SALEM

Rushworth P-12 College

PEYTON ZUMBO

Rooty Hill Public School

**Macpherson Kelley
Foundation Primary
Scholarship**

The Macpherson Kelley Foundation Primary Scholarship supports students in Victorian and NSW public primary schools.

ELISE CULLEN

Rooty Hill Public School

BRICE GARNHAM

Tenambit Public School

ETHAN KONNEH

Sydenham-Hillside Primary School

**Public Education
Foundation Primary
Scholarship**

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

JAXSON CLIFFORD

Colac Primary School

ELLA COWAN

Rooty Hill Public School

DYLAN DALEY

Monmia Primary School

DEKLAN GILLON

Hillvue Public School

RYLEN HANSEN

Kingswood Park Public School

MARCUS HOLTEN

Chullora Public School

KYLEE HOLTEN

Chullora Public School

KAYDEN MARTIN

Rooty Hill Public School

KALEB MATTHEWS

Rooty Hill Public School

COLIN PARSONS

Rooty Hill Public School

LUKAS PRICE

Hillvue Public School

KORBYN REID

Hillvue Public School

**Mary Vernon
Foundation Refugee
Scholarship**

The Mary Vernon Refugee Scholarship provides funding for the final years of primary education for refugee students allowing them to participate fully in their senior primary school studies.

HABEB ALHITO

Drummond Memorial Public School



**I WAS ABLE TO
ACQUIRE STUDY ITEMS
THAT WITHOUT THE
SCHOLARSHIP I COULD
ONLY DREAM OF
HAVING TO HELP ME,
BUT NOW I HAVE THEM
IN MY ARSENAL.**

*Andrew Casey Indigenous
Scholarship recipient*

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.

SARAH AL KHALAF

Hayes Park Public School

LOVELY ALEALE

Rooty Hill Public School

MUHAMMAD ALI ALI

Wagga Wagga Public School

ZIKRA BARAKZAI

Turvey Park Public School

ISAAC BATTERSON-HAINES

Hillvue Public School

ISABELLE-ROSE BATTERSON-HAINES

Hillvue Public School

OLLIE BELL

Broken Hill School of the Air

KAIDYNN BUDD

Kingswood Park Public School

ALERAH COLE

Kingswood Park Public School

TYGA CUSBERT

Kingswood Park Public School

LAYTEN DOOLAN

Kingswood Park Public School

JAXSON GEYER

Kingswood Park Public School

JAAZIAH HAWEA

Prestons Public School

KORIEE JONES-DUNN

Kingswood Park Public School

AYAT KHAN

Rooty Hill Public School

SEMANUR KOSA

Prestons Public School

KYSON MARTIN

Rooty Hill Public School

LILLY MCLEAN

Cambridge Gardens Public School

LAYLA-LEE PETERS

Millers Forest Public School

AIDEN PRICE

Hillvue Public School

EDDIE REID

Wilsons Creek Public School

BRYSON ROBINSON

Bourke Street Public School

BRIANNA SKELLY

Millers Forest Public School

TSUBASA UNO

Burwood Public School

IZAK WILLETT

Cambridge Gardens 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.

SAPPHIRE AL-DHAIBI

Ashcroft High School

RANI BENGAS-FORD

Bellingen High School

RUBY BROWN

Yanco Agricultural High School

ISABELLA D'ANGELANTONIO

Tamworth High School

SKYLAR DANNEVIG

Cranebrook High School

ANGEL FAIALAGA

Rooty Hill High School

GEORDIE FINLAYSON WALKER

Brisbane Water Secondary College

– Umina Campus

JAKE GARNHAM

Maitland High School

ALCHEMY GINN

Maitland Grossmann High School

RILEY HARRIS

Cambridge Park High School

CAROLANNE HOPPO

Smith's Hill High School

JASMINE KING

Mullumbimby High School

SPIRAL LANE

Alstonville High School

JANGIZ MAMO

Armidale Secondary College

RIENN MAZZANTI HADY

Alexandria Park Community

School

MALIK MIRZA

Armidale Secondary College

DENEKA NEAN-KELLY

Peel High School

ABIGAIL NORTARD

Tamworth High School

SASA PENEUETA

Rooty Hill High School

SACHA PHOENIX-COY

Byron Bay High School

MATILDA RECKWELL

Francis Greenway High School

ANASTACIA RUSSELL-SNELLMAN

James Meehan High School

EVENING TAPAITAU

Rooty Hill High School

UEPA UEPA

James Meehan High School

TANSY USSHER-JACKSON

Rooty Hill 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.

RAPHAEL FURST-DOHERTY

Glenmore Road Public School

CHRISTIANNA HARMS

Rose Bay Secondary College

WILLIAM SQUIRES

Bondi Beach Public School

Emorgo Scholarship for Music

Supports talented young musicians undertaking vocal or woodwind study at the Conservatorium High School.

JAMES BRUNSDON

Conservatorium High School

JAMES STACEY

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.

JUNHEE HEO

Conservatorium High School

SELIN KEVENSON

Conservatorium High School

CLARA PINERO

Conservatorium High School

Aboriginal Education Council Scholarship

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

MYRA FELTUS

Glendale Technology High School

KORDAIE FERGUSON

Ballina Coast High School

CARRINGTON SMITH

Ballina Coast High School

JACOB YOUNG

Northlakes High School

Aboriginal Education Council Sports Scholarship

Supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island students to participate, and represent their school in sports at an elite level.

KHALLUM COOK

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.

ABIGAIL CONSTANTINE

Concord High School

CHACE HOPLEY

Northlakes High School

EWAN MURGHA

Ballina Coast High School

AVA SPENCER

West Wallsend High School

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.

JORJA ALEKSOVSKA

Shoalhaven High School

NIKOLA ALEKSOVSKI-CIKARIC

Shoalhaven High School

ZAKIUS BONEY

Boggabilla Central School

DALILA BRIGHT

Coonamble High School

JORDAN CARSON

Shoalhaven High School

JACINTA CLYNE

Shoalhaven High School

MEGAN COLLIHOLE

Coomealla High School

EMME DREW

Kempspey High School

ASHLEY DUNCAN

Boggabilla Central School

KIARA EDWARDS

Shoalhaven High School

KYAH FIREBRACE

Coomealla High School

BARRY FLANDERS

Boggabilla Central School

ADEL GREEN

Coomealla High School

VINCENT JAMES

Coomealla High School

SKYLEE JANSON

Coomealla High School

TRAVIS JONES

Coonamble High School

KYERAH LAWSON

Wilcannia Central School

KIARA MCKELVIE

Shoalhaven High School

KARA MILES-GAVIN

Kempspey High School

NARISSA STEWART

Shoalhaven High School

ISABELLE NEWTON

Coomealla High School

TOM PARKER

Coomealla High School

GRACIELLA PUGLISI

Narooma High School

BEAU SMITH

Kempspey High School

SIARNE SMITH Coonamble High School

NOAH STEWART

Shoalhaven High School

EDWARD VAGG Coomealla High School

TILLY WEISMANTEL

Kempspey High School

JASMINE WENSLEY ROUSE

Shoalhaven High School

WAYNE WILLIAMS

Boggabilla Central School

Rural and 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.

ALIYRAH BARNETT
Scone Public School

Rural and 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.

COOPER MANNING
Chaffey Secondary College
CONNOR SMITH
Gulgambone Central 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.

NATHAN BOWER
West Wallsend High School
NEVAEH ELLINGTON-BRENNAN
Curran Public School
AIHEALIA-ROSE HOANI
Curran Public School
ALINTA-JADE QUAYLE LEYSHAN
Merrylands High School
EMILIAH SMITH
Curran Public School
KONNOR ZUMBO
Rooty Hill Public School

NSW Teachers Federation Refugee Scholarship

Funded by the NSW Teachers Federation, these scholarships provide support for refugee students for the final three years of their secondary education.

RAFEEF AL-MAJIDI
Millier Technology High School
AMINA BARAKZAI
Wagga Wagga High School
ADILA MUSAVI
Birrong Girls High School
SHARIFA SHUJAE
Bankstown Senior College

Friends of Zainab Senior Secondary Scholarship

Provides support for Year 11 and 12 refugee students through the critical final two years of their secondary education in public high schools across Australia.

SIREEN ABDALATEEF
Salisbury High School
RANEEM ABDULHAMEED
Corrimal High School
PARBATI ADHIKARI
Salisbury High School
ASHIR AHMAD
Browns Plains State High School
MOHAMAD AL AMARY
Salisbury High School
DANIA AL ASAD
Salisbury High School
MAZEN AL JAHED
Salisbury High School
ALEX TUMAINI ALEX
Murray High School
GHADAH ALHOSAN
Bankstown Senior College
MASSARA ALHOSAN
Bankstown Senior College
ONEETA ARAD
Cabramatta High School
RANIA ASKAR
Casula High School
OMULBANIN ATAYIE
Merrylands High School
WASIF ATIF
Browns Plains State High School
BASEMERE BANOBA
Albury High School
MARVIN BINOKA
Bankstown Senior College
MARIA BINYAMIN
Bankstown Senior College
FATEN DURDUR
Bankstown Senior College
IBRAHIM ELHALLO
James Fallon High School
ADEENA FAISAL
Beverly Hills Girls High School
ZAHRA FAYAZI
Kambrya College



DIVYA GAUTAM

Salisbury High School

MARYAM GULZARI

Woodridge State High School

WAJIHA GULZARI

Roma Mitchell Secondary College

BEATRICE HABIA

Yeronga State High School

FATIMA HAIDARI

Bankstown Senior College

ABDULLAH HALIMI

Bankstown Senior College

MUJTABA HASSANI

Bankstown Senior College

SANAM HUSSAINI

Dandenong High School

YVES ISHIMWE

Murray High School

ZAHRRA JAFARI

Dandenong High School

HODA JAWAD

Cabramatta High School

ROYA KAMALI

Bankstown Senior College

RAFAAT KARIMI

Wagga Wagga High School

FAISAL KARKHIL AHMADZAI

Strathfield South High School

SAHAR KHALID

Yeronga State High School

MARYAM MALEZAI

Chifley College Senior Campus

WINNER MALKIA

Bellbird Park State Secondary College

NILOFAR MIRZAE

Chester Hill High School

ZUBAIDA MIRZAE

Chester Hill High school

MOUSTAFA MOHAMMADE

Fountain Gate Secondary College

SAMI MORADI

Dickson College

NASIMA MUHAMMADKARAM

Salisbury High School

ZHIYAN MURAD

Callaghan College – Jesmond Senior Campus

NIMO NASIR

Cyril Jackson Senior Campus

MOTAHARA NOORI

Birrong Girls High School

FALANTINA QARYO

Cabramatta High School

SONIA QURESHI

Browns Plains State High School

SOE REH

Keira High School

RANIM SAED EDDIN

Keira High School

GHALIA SLEMAN

Wagga Wagga High School

VALANTINA SLIWA

Cabramatta High School

CING SAN LUN TAITHOUL

Ringwood Secondary College

SARAH WISS

Woodridge State High School

MADINA ZAHIDI

Bankstown Senior College

ZAINAB ZAINAB

Cabramatta High School

AMIR ZAKI

Roma Mitchell Secondary College

Friends of Zainab Tertiary Scholarship

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

KATRIN AKHTIAR

Western Sydney University

BAILASAN AL ABAS

University of South Australia

HABIB AL BITAR

University of Sydney

BAYAN AL NASSAR

Flinders University

SARAH AL-JAMEEL

University of Sydney

HADIYA ALDAKHI

Coffs Harbour High School

ZAINAB ALI ZADA

Marsden State High School

MARYANA ALQAS TOMA

La Trobe University

STEVIN ALSAMANI

Western Sydney University

SAMEER APPASA

RMIT University

MAZEN AUSTIN

TAFE NSW

NADIA DIDARI

TAFE Queensland

SAHAR DURDUR

Bankstown Senior College

ENAS ENAS

Australian Catholic University

RIDA FATIMA

Macquarie University

MASOOMA HUSSAINI

University of Technology Sydney

YANGCHEN LHAMO GATSANG

University of Sydney

FAHARI RUHEKENYA**MATABARO**

Flinders University

AREZO MOHAMMAD REZA

Queensland University of Technology

ALICE MUNGELE

Curtin University

WAJIDA NOORI

Queensland University of Technology

FIDEL NVUYEKURE

Griffith University

MURSAL RAJABI

University of Technology Sydney

HAPSATOU SALEH

TAFE Queensland

MASOUMEH SHAFAGH

University of Newcastle

DANIT SOLOMON

Queensland University of Technology

NSW Teachers Federation TAFE Scholarship

Funded by the NSW Teachers Federation, this scholarship provides financial assistance for up to two years of full-time TAFE study for refugee students in NSW.

SHARIFA SHUJAE

Bankstown Senior College

Queensland Teachers Union Secondary Refugee Scholarship

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

BASMAH ANAM

Yeronga State High School

Mary Vernon Foundation Refugee Scholarship

The Mary Vernon Refugee Scholarship provides funding for the final years of secondary education for refugee students allowing them to participate fully in their senior high school studies.

FATUMA ABDIRIZAK

Townsville State High School

SALMA AFGHANYAR

Callaghan College – Waratah Campus

SARAH ALBANAA

Cabramatta High School

SANIA ALIZADA

Birrong Girls High School

SHAMS ALZUHAIRI

Miller Technology High School

ANAS ALZUHAIRI

Miller Technology High School

YAQOOB APPASA

Bankstown Senior College

SHEKOFA AZADI

Yeronga State High School

SARAH HUSSAINI

Dandenong High School

MOHAMAD KANSO

Punchbowl Boys' High School

JOSEPH LUBONGA

Manor Lakes College

MOHAMMAD NOORI

Casula High School

SHAIMA RAHIMI

Chaffey Secondary College

VUNG SIAN NEM

Salisbury 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.

LEANNE AFFLECK

Chaffey Secondary College

NAZANIN AHMADZADA

Lynwood Senior High School

THERHREEN ALI

Lynwood Senior High School

VEENZ CAPISANAN

Phoenix P-12 Community School

MIA EDWARDS

Bomaderry High School

KIESHA FLORES

Bomaderry High School

LEON KELLY

Shoalhaven High School

WILLOW LAKE

Deniliquin High School

NATALIE MUNOZ

Bomaderry High School

ELLE PLAYER

Whitebridge High School

NAANUM NARGISRAHOO

Balranald Central School

NHUNG NGUYEN

Keysborough Secondary College

ZOE OFFLEY

Bomaderry High School

MELANIE OMONDI

Finley High School

ELAHA REZAEI

Dandenong High School

GRACE SCHMIDT

Coomealla High School

SERENA SHELBY

Phoenix P-12 Community School

THOMAS TOTH

Bomaderry High School

HALLIE YOUMAN

Inverell High School

AEU Federal Secondary Scholarship

Funded by the Australian Education Union (AEU) – Federal, this scholarship provides support and encouragement for public high school students across Australia supporting them for the final three years of their secondary education.

SOPHIA CAMBARERI

Salisbury High School

MANSUR TAS

Chaffey Secondary College

AEU Federal Refugee Scholarship

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

FARES ALBITAR

Condell Park High School

CHORTOOSA KYAW HTOO HSER

Townsville State High School



“[MY] PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT THIS YEAR HAS BEEN] GETTING TWO HD'S (HIGH DISTINCTION) AND TWO D'S (DISTINCTION). MY BEST SEMESTER YET! ... THIS HAS BEEN THE GREATEST HONOUR AND PRIVILEGE. I AM EXTREMELY THANKFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY I HAVE BEEN GIVEN.

NSW Cookery Teachers Association Scholarship recipient

AEU Victorian Secondary Refugee Scholarship

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

REM REM DUH TIN

Ringwood Secondary College

MUZAMMEL ALI

Keysborough Secondary College

Coca-Cola Australia Foundation Scholarship

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

HOMA IQBAL

Bankstown Senior College

ALEYNA SEN

Parramatta High School

Fennell Scholarship for Girls in STEM

Provides support and encouragement for students in their final years of high school who are pursuing STEM courses at school.

ANAYA ASHAR

Rouse Hill High School

JILAN BOLSKHEKHA

Liverpool Girls High School

PARASTO HUSSAINI

Birrong Girls High School

BABYLONIA KANNO

Liverpool Girls High School

NEGIN MOHAMMADI

Bankstown Senior College

Lilly Murphy Memorial Scholarship

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.

MOHAMMAD HUSSEINI

Northern Bay College
Goldsworthy

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.

JADA BARKER

Robert Townson High School

NADIA MOHAMMED

Pendle Hill High School

ELVIS QUACH

Casula High School

KEIRA SUSLO

Doonside Technology High School

KATHERINE TRAN

Canley Vale High School

Mrin and Prakash Nagayam Victorian Secondary Scholarship

These scholarships 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.

RILEY KEPPLER

Manor Lakes P-12 College

HAYDEN PENDLEBURY

Clyde Secondary College

NSW Retired Teachers Scholarship

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

CHRISTINE TRAN

Canley Vale 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.

JOANNA ALQAS TOMA

Miller Technology High School

ORJUWAN ALRAHHAL

Miller Technology High School

FRESHTA AMINI

Yeronga State High School

ELIZABETH DODDS-BATES

Northlakes High School

JAMES FERGUSON

Ballina Coast High School

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Matraville Sports High School

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Gulgong High School

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Salisbury High School

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Corrimal High School

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Marsden State High School

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YUNES SWADE

Menai High School

TENZIN LHAMO UGA

NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus

JILLIAN WATTS

Lake Cargelligo Central School

NICOLA WILLIAMS

Gulgong High School

ELISE WILLS

Corrimal High School

Pitcher Partners Secondary Scholarship

Provides support for students in their final year of secondary school who have an interest in Chartered Accountancy, Economics, Actuarial Studies or other related fields.

SANA ALMEHHO

Liverpool Girls High School

PURVA BHATT

Parramatta High School

Public Education Foundation Secondary Scholarship

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

BRITTNEY AH-SEE

Chaffey Secondary College

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Wilcannia Central School

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Elizabeth Macarthur High School

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OLIVIA CIRILLO

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Charles La Trobe P-12 College

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RILEY MORGAN-CLARIDGE

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Glenwood High School

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Pendle Hill High School

Secondary Principals Council Scholarship

Provides support for outstanding public school students in their final years of secondary education.

ALICE TON

St Marys Senior High School

Training Combined Scholarship

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

ELAF AL NASSER

Callaghan College – Jesmond Senior Campus

AHMAD KHALIL

Fairfield High School

FAREED MASSA

Bankstown Senior College

Unions NSW Jeff Shaw Memorial Scholarship

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

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Casula High School

MATILDA ARMSTRONG

Callaghan College – Jesmond Senior Campus

ELLA MACKAY-PATTEN

Chifley College Senior Campus

BARAN SHAHBAZINIA

Marsden 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.

RIDHA AFZAL

Birrong Girls High School

JACINTA AUSTIN RAMSAY

Matraville Sports High School

SIENNA SEU-ERN BALL

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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.

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Cabramatta High School

SARKIS DERGARABEDIAN

Prairiewood High School

SELINA HA

Canley Vale High School

KEVIN POON

Elizabeth Macarthur High School

NARDEEN SHLAYMOON

Prairiewood High School

Western Sydney International Airport Scholarship

Provides financial assistance for one year to high potential students from public schools in Western Sydney.

ANEESA KHALIL

Beverly Hills Girls High School

CARLA MARY NAJARIAN

Hoxton Park High School

ETHAN SOLE

Chifley College Senior Campus

Woodcock Family Scholarship

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

HANNAH ANDREWS

Singleton High School

SEREN HALL

Singleton High School

JESSE JACOBS

Singleton High School

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Scone High School

AEU Federal Refugee Tertiary Scholarship

Funded by AEU-Federal, this scholarship provides financial assistance for the first two years of full-time university or TAFE studies for a refugee student.

MILAD AL-MAJIDI

Western Sydney University

AEU Federal Tertiary Teaching Scholarship

Provides financial assistance to high potential students who are training to be a teacher in the public education system.

JESSICA ARMSTRONG

Rosewood State High School

DANIELLE SMITH

Newstead College

Aboriginal Education Council High Achiever Scholarship

Acknowledging the highest achieving Aboriginal student in a NSW public school in the 2024 Higher School Certificate.

IVY FERNANDO

Merewether High School

Campbell-Carter Scholarship

Supports primary, secondary, and tertiary students from regional, rural and remote Australia facing social and economic challenges.

MARYAM ALKALMASHI

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Yeronga State High School

LENDA BALALA

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Hume Central Secondary College

HALIMA EBRAHIMI

Bankstown Senior College

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Woodridge State High School

CLARE SAUNDERS

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Campbell Edwards Trust Scholarship

Supports tertiary students across Australia.

BOSHRA AHRARI

Curtin University

MUQTADA AL-SHAMMARY

University of Melbourne

NOAH ARBOIT

James Cook University

JASPER BOLVARAN

Browns Plains State High School

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University of Technology Sydney

RITHISA DAHAL

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University of Sydney

SARAH MARTIN

Woodridge State High School

NIKITHA RADHAKRISHNAN

Flinders University

SHARMILA SHARMILA

University of Wollongong



SECURING A POSITION AS A MECHANICAL ENGINEERING CADET AT BLUESCOPE AND ACHIEVING HDS IN EVERY SUBJECT. THE SCHOLARSHIP ALLOWED ME TO PURCHASE A DESK WHEN I MOVED FROM UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION (WHICH HAD PROVIDED A DESK) TO A SHARE HOUSE. THE DESK IS INTEGRAL TO ALLOWING ME TO STUDY UNINTERRUPTED AND GIVE ME SPACE FOR ALL MY STUDY MATERIAL.

PEF Tertiary Scholarship recipient

Helen MacGregor National Teaching Scholarship

The Helen MacGregor National Teaching Scholarship provides support for the first three years for a student undertaking a Bachelor of Education degree and intending to return to teach in public schools.

BO DOLLEY

Newstead College

NSW Cookery Teachers Association Scholarship

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

KAYLA FERGUSSON

Australian Catholic University

NSW Department of Education Tertiary Teaching Scholarship

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

EVA GAUTIER

University of Wollongong

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University of Newcastle

THEA PRICE

University of New South Wales

ADAM SPENCER

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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.

MISCHA DAVIES

Menai High School

TOBI EELES

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CARLA FLORIT CUELLO

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AMY KILBORN

North Sydney Girls High School

TRAVIS KING

Sydney Secondary College – Blackwattle Bay Campus

JUNE LEE

Cherrybrook Technology High School

MASON OLNEY

Dubbo College Senior Campus

ASHUR OSHANA

Prairiewood High School

JOSHUA PAIK

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SCARLETT SAUNDERS

Newtown High School of Performing Arts

WARREN SONG

James Ruse Agricultural High School

CHARLIE WESTWOOD

TAFE NSW

YOUNGSUN YOO

Strathfield Girls High School

National Regional and Remote Tertiary Scholarship

These scholarships provide financial assistance to high potential students from Rural and Remote regions across Australia as they transition into and progress through post-school education at a public university or TAFE.

CHILLARA ACKRELL

University of Melbourne

JOSHUA CHILCOTT

University of Adelaide

TOM MOORE

University of Newcastle

MADISON-LEE RYAN

Flinders University

JACK SYDES

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SHEVON TEWES-SMALLWOOD

Queensland University of Technology





National Tertiary Scholarship

These scholarships provide financial assistance to high potential students across Australia as they transition into and progress through post-school education at a public university or TAFE.

ABEL BUDIONO

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JULIAN FOY

University of Technology Sydney

SAKINA JAMALE

Northern Adelaide Senior College

NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association Scholarship

Providing up to three years' support for refugee students in NSW intending to study nursing or midwifery through TAFE NSW or a NSW public university.

ALINA ALINA

Marsden High School

MARYAM AWAD ALI SALIM

Arthur Phillip High School

AISHAH BINTI AYAZ

University of Technology Sydney

MIA ELLIOTT

Charles Sturt University – Port Macquarie Campus

Nurses and Midwives Health Scholarship (NSW)

Providing up to three years' support for motivated NSW students studying nursing or midwifery through TAFE NSW or a NSW public university.

TAMIEKA BOTFIELD

Melville High School

Systra Next Gen Scholarship

Provides financial assistance and support for the first two years of tertiary study to help students reach their full potential.

WILL DALLIMORE

Curtin University

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University of Sydney

Teachers Health National Tertiary Nursing and Midwife Scholarship

Providing up to three years' support for motivated students studying nursing or midwifery at a public university or TAFE.

KALEA SIEGERT

University of Adelaide

Teachers Health National Tertiary Teaching Scholarship

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

YALDA ABAWAI

Australian Catholic University

TRG Tertiary Scholarship

Provides support for three years for students wanting to study engineering, architecture or design at a public university or TAFE.

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UNSW PEF Scholarship

Provides support for new UNSW students who are undertaking undergraduate studies in engineering, science, medicine, health or business.

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BY REDUCING FINANCIAL BARRIERS, THIS SCHOLARSHIP HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO PRIORITISE MY EDUCATION AND FULLY COMMIT TO ACHIEVING MY DREAM OF BECOMING A PHYSIOTHERAPIST. WITH THIS ONGOING SUPPORT, I AM CONFIDENT THAT I CAN CONTINUE TO EXCEL IN MY STUDIES AND REACH MY FULL POTENTIAL.

Friends of Zainab Tertiary scholarship recipient



RILEY MARCH

University of New South Wales

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Teachers Health Early Career Scholarship

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

RONAN DOUGLAS

Hellyer College

Teachers Mutual Bank Victorian Mid-Career Scholarship

Supports a Victorian mid-career public school teacher to undertake professional development.

EMMIE KEUNG

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HUY LE

Sunshine College

Toyota Community Trust STEM Teachers Scholarship

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

IAN PRESTON

Murrumbidgee Regional High School – Griffith

Harvard Club of Australia Principals Scholarship

Funded by the Harvard Club of Australia, this scholarship provides principals of government schools an opportunity to undertake a short professional education program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

MATHEW BURT

Broome Senior High School

Teachers Mutual Bank Principals Scholarship

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

HALA RAMADAN

Belmore Boys High 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.

MICHAEL WEST

Bellbird Park State Secondary School



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2009-2024

395 NEW

Scholarships awarded in 2023-24
(includes educators)*



3613

2009-2024 cumulative



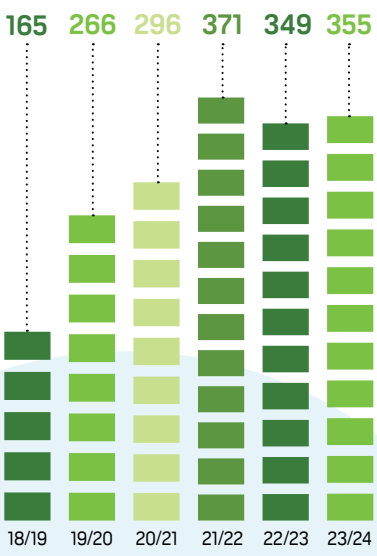
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3452
STUDENTS

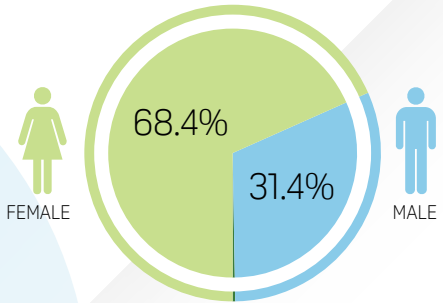


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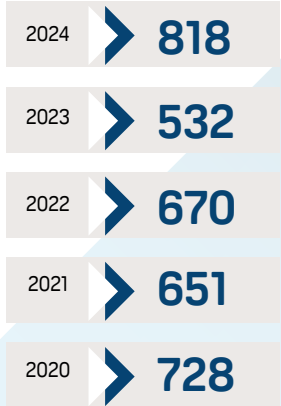
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\$ 1,351,333 2023-24

\$10,301,828 2009-2024
cumulative



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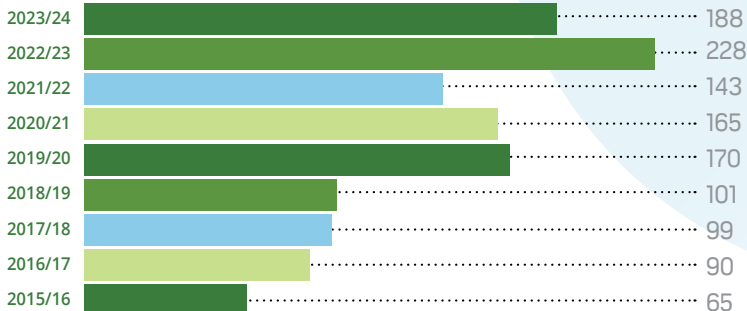
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