

Annual Report 2024-25





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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About Us

Our Vision

Our vision is a nationwide commitment to the primacy of public education.

Our student scholarships address factors contributing to disadvantage:

- Students from low socio-economic backgrounds
- Students in rural and remote areas
- Students of Indigenous backgrounds
- Students living with a disability
- Students from refugee backgrounds



Our Values

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



OPPORTUNITY

for individuals to fulfil their potential.



RESPECT

for people, internally and externally.



SUSTAINABILITY

of our relationships and resources.



EQUITY

fairness and equitable access for all.

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 will be able to participate in more activities and not rely on my family to pay for things as my brother's medical costs are high.

Connected Communities
Scholarship recipient



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Chair and CEO's Report

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In this financial year, PEF received 1,152 applications from across Australia, which is a 40.85% increase on the number of applications received in the previous financial year.

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David Hetherington



Dr Manisha Amin

It is our distinct pleasure to present the 2024-25 Annual Report of the Public Education Foundation.

The 2024-25 year has been one of transition, renewal and deepening impact for the Public Education Foundation (PEF). Together we remain committed to ensuring that every child and young person in an Australian public school has access to the support, opportunities, and resources they need to thrive.

This year marked the retirement of our former Chief Executive Officer, David Riordan, whose leadership strengthened our national reach, partnerships and advocacy for equitable public education funding. His contribution has laid a strong foundation for the years ahead.

This year's data reaffirm that impact we have made. Across 2025, 471 new students received scholarships. We engaged with 201 schools nationally. Our work, through the support of our donors makes a significant difference. Among respondents to our student surveys, 81 per cent said their scholarship helped them achieve better academic results, and 83 per cent said it changed their school experience for the better.

Almost all recipients reported feeling prouder, more confident, and more motivated to continue learning – proof that scholarships change lives not only through financial support, but by inspiring belief in what's possible.

Following David's retirement, Bob Kotic guided the Foundation with steady leadership as Interim CEO, ensuring continuity and care during this time of change. In May 2025, we were delighted to welcome Dr Manisha Amin as Chief Executive Officer, bringing her expertise in the not-for-profit

sector to further PEF's purpose. Together, we are focused on sustaining growth, enhancing our impact and celebrating the opportunities our public education system affords.

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A highlight of the year was our end-of-year celebration, **"Cheers to Champions – A Night of Appreciation"**, supported by King & Wood Mallesons and our past Chair David Friedlander. The event featured a keynote address from The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG, former Justice of the High Court of Australia, and was masterfully emceed by Her Excellency, Hon Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of Australia and a longstanding advocate for public education. Their presence and words reflected the strength of the public education community and the importance of collective commitment to equity.

As we look ahead, PEF's purpose remains clear: to strengthen our systems, partnerships and deepen our reach so that every scholarship delivers meaningful impact through funding as well as through additional supports. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our Board, volunteers, staff, organisational supporters, including the NSW Department of Education, NSW Teachers Federation, Teachers Health and Teachers Mutual Bank, and the incredible individual donors whose generosity and belief in public education make this work possible.

Together, we are building a fairer, more inclusive future for all students.

David Hetherington
Chair

**David Riordan, Bob Kotic,
Dr Manisha Amin**
Chief Executive Officers

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Scholarship Recipients 2025

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

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

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
Denilquin High School

NATALIE MUNOZ
Bomaderry High School

ELLE PLAYER
Whitebridge High School

NAANUM NARGISRAHOO
Balranald Central School

HNUNG 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 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

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 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 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

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

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

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

Barry O'Grady Scholarship

Supports high potential high school students allowing them to fully participate in their studies.

ANAND MUNKHBAT
Marsden High School

Campbell-Carter Scholarship

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

MARYAM ALKALMASHI
Miller Technology High School

AYA ALMOUSALI
Yeronga State High School

LENDA BALALA
Hume Central Secondary College

LOUIS BALLA
Hume Central Secondary College

DAKOTA BARRY
Tenambit Public School

NARLAH BERRY DICKSON
Hillvue Public School

HALIMA EBRAHIMI
Bankstown Senior College

MOBINA HUSSAINI
Woodridge State High School

JA'KYLA-ROSE MATTHEWS
Scone Public School

MESSIAH MORRIS-MAY
Kingswood Park Public School

JACOB SALEM
Rushworth P-12 College

CLARE SAUNDERS
Red Cliffs Secondary College

PEYTON ZUMBO
Rooty Hill Public School

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

SARAH CHHEAV
University of Technology Sydney

RITHISA DAHAL
University of South Australia

CAMISHA HERNANDEZ
University of Sydney

SARAH MARTIN
Woodridge State High School

NIKITHA RADHAKRISHNAN
Flinders University

SHARMILA SHARMILA
University of Wollongong



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



Scholarship Recipients 2025



Capital Chemist College Scholarship

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

TEUILA AH KEY
Erindale College

MARYAM AMATUR-RAHMAN
Gungahlin College

REBECCA BATT
Melba Copland Secondary College

FREYA BERGIN PIGGOTT
Hawker College

MIKAYLA BOWER
Black Mountain School

SEEMA CHAMAN
Narrabundah College

KOHANA CHATTIER
Narrabundah College

AMELIA CONDON-CERNOVS
UC Senior Secondary College
Lake Ginninderra

AIMEE EHLERS
Hawker College

ZOE FILOR-FOX
The Woden School

MIRANDA FRIEND
Lake Tuggeranong College

PERRY GUIVER
Melba Copland Secondary College

HASIB HASHIMI
Dickson College

JEMIMAH HORRILL
Lake Tuggeranong College

SIERRA JAQUES
Dickson College

KAYNE LAWTON
Black Mountain School

NICOLLA MAGUIRE
Canberra College

DOMINIC MAHER
Canberra College

ALICIA MANITI
Erindale College

ROBIN MARSHALL
Melba Copland Secondary College

LEO MCAULIFFE
UC Senior Secondary College
Lake Ginninderra

STEFAN MITREV
Erindale College

SOFIA MUGHAL
Gungahlin College

TAYLAH MULLER
Lake Tuggeranong College

ALEXIS NIGHTINGALE
The Woden School

AVA NORRIS
The Woden School

NIRMIT PAREKH
Gungahlin College

NATASHA SITSKY
Canberra College

SHANAATHANAN SRIMANOBHAVAN
Narrabundah College

SUVIR SRIVASTAVA
Hawker College

ANTON STEINHAUSER
UC Senior Secondary College
Lake Ginninderra

LUCA TALBOT-HOGG
Dickson College

EMMA TOM
Melba Copland Secondary College

ANTHONY WOOD
Black Mountain School

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

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 NARISSA
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
Coomoella High School

TILLY WEISMANTEL
Kempspey High School

JASMINE WENSLEY ROUSE
Shoalhaven High School

WAYNE WILLIAMS
Boggabilla Central 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

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 BOLSKEKHA
Liverpool Girls High School

PARASTO HUSSAINI
Birrong Girls High School

BABYLONIA KANNO
Liverpool Girls High School

NEGIN MOHAMMADI
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

ZAHRA 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 MIRZAEI
Chester Hill High School

ZUBAIDA MIRZAEI
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



Scholarship Recipients 2025

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

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

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

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

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

Mary Vernon Foundation Refugee Scholarship

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

FATUMA ABDIRIZAK
Townsville State High School

SALMA AFGHANYAR
Callaghan College – Waratah Campus

SARAH ALBANAA
Cabramatta High School

HABEB ALHITO
Drummond Memorial Public School

SANIA ALIZADA
Birrongo 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

Mrin and Prakash Nayagam 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 PENDELBURY
Clyde Secondary College

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
University of Queensland

SHEVON TEWES-SMALLWOOD
Queensland University of Technology



“[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



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
University of Queensland

JULIAN FOY
University of Technology Sydney

SAKINA JAMALE
Northern Adelaide Senior College

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

MIRANDA HOLMES
University of Newcastle

THEA PRICE
University of New South Wales

ADAM SPENCER
University of Wollongong

NSW Cookery Teachers Association Scholarship

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

KAYLA FERGUSON
Australian Catholic University

Scholarship Recipients 2025

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

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

NSW Retired Teachers Scholarship

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

MIA SUMERTA
Elizabeth Macarthur High School

NSW Secondary Principals Council Scholarship

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

MIA HELLYER
Northlakes High School

ELLIE VINES
Coomeealla 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.

MISCHA DAVIES
Menai High School

TOBI EELES
Merewether High School

CARLA FLORIT CUELLO
Killara High School

ARSENIA GATZIASTRAS
Sylvania High School

ETHAN GOH
Sydney Technical High School

SUKHMANI KAUR
Blacktown Girls High School

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
James Ruse Agricultural High School

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

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 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

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

Nurses & 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

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



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 ALRAHMAN
Miller Technology High School

FRESHTA AMINI
Yeronga State High School

ELIZABETH DODDS-BATES
Northlakes High School

JAMES FERGUSON
Ballina Coast High School

CASSIDEE FERNANDO
Matraville Sports High School

BRENNA FULTON
Bungendore High School

GEORGIA GUDGEON
Gulgong High School

CHAD LIEU
Salisbury High School

EVAN LOVERIDGE
Corrimal High School

LEON ROBERTS
Marsden State High School

RILEY ROBERTS
Ballina Coast High School

ANDREW SKILLICORN
Coomoalla High School

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 ALMEHMO
Liverpool Girls High School

PURVA BHATT
Parramatta High 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

COLIN PARSONS
Rooty Hill Public School

LUKAS PRICE
Hillvue Public School

KORBYN REID
Hillvue Public 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

STEVIE AWEGE
Wilcannia Central School

KATIE BURRIDGE
Elizabeth Macarthur High School

SOFIA CARINO
Robert Townson High School

OLIVIA CIRILLO
Irymple Secondary College

CHELSEA COLLINS
Wodonga Middle Years College – Huon Campus

RHYLAINN COOPER-BERTRAM
Casula High School

JAMILLA EL-OMAR
Bankstown Girls High School

DONEISHA FERGUSON
Ballina Coast High School

SASHA GARDNER
West Wallsend High School

JED GOOLAGONG
Great Lakes College – Tuncurry Junior Campus

JIMARI HAMPTON-ANDERSON
Northlakes High School

SILVA HASAN
Wagga Wagga High School

AFFRICA JADE HIPPI
Ballina Coast High School

ANGEL HUGHES
Shoalhaven High School

KIYARA LACROSSE
Coonamble High School

TANAYE LUCAS
Northlakes High School

KYLAH MACKENZIE-WEDDERBURN
Elizabeth Macarthur High School

JETT MCMAHON
Charles La Trobe P-12 College

ADA ROSE MITCHELL
Charles La Trobe P-12 College

AYA MOHAMAD
Cabramatta High School

RILEY MORGAN-CLARIDGE
Northlakes High School

ADRIAN NGUYEN
Fairfield High School

CHUKWUNOYELIM NWOKOLO
Robert Townson High School

MISHWA PATEL
Penrith High School

ANJANI PRAKASH
Liverpool Girls High School

KABIR QAZIZADA
Glenwood High School

RUBY REID
Mullumbimby High School

CELESTE ROSE
Princes Hill Secondary College

NAITE ROSS
Parramatta High School

FAAFIU SAMUELU
Leumeah High School

KRISHAN SHARMA
Casula High School

ADELE SIMBA
Armidale Secondary College

AMELIA SOK
Prairewood High School

ALAN VAZQUEZ VEGA
Glenwood High School

IVAN WONG
Pendle Hill High School



Scholarship Recipients 2025

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

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

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

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

HAYLEY FRASER

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

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

TRG Tertiary Scholarship

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

CAITLIN HOEY

Queensland University of Technology

AZIZULLAH HUSSAINI

Macquarie University

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

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.

NKANSAH AGYEMAN

Casula High School

MATILDA ARMSTRONG

Callaghan College – Jesmond Senior Campus

ELLA MACKAY-PATTEN

Chifley College Senior Campus

BARAN SHAHBAZINIA

Marsden High School



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



UNSW PEF Scholarship

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

AVA BYRNES

University of New South Wales

KIRILEE BESANT

University of New South Wales

RILEY MARCH

University of New South Wales

SARTHAK CHAUDHRY

University of New South Wales

SHARLEE COOK

University of New South Wales

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

Benowa State High School

KHULAN BATTSETSEG

Concord High School

MASON CATT

Whitebridge High School

FRANCESCA COUGHLIN

Corrimal High School

IMOGEN DUNN

Horsham College

MACKENZIE HALL

Western Australian College of Agriculture-Morawa

SLATER KESSELL

Whitebridge High School

BRISEIS LIDDY

Merrylands High School

JORDAN MCCRORY

Chifley College Senior Campus

CHLOE REBBECK

Ulladulla High School

GRACIE TOMKINS

Warners Bay High School

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

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



Scholarship Recipients 2025

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 ALALEA
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
Wilson's 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 BENGLAS-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 NORTHARD
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

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

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.

RINATA AL-BADRI
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

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

RILEY PEREZ
Scone High School



Educator Scholarships

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
Sunshine College

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

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

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

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Laptop Recipients 2025

Laptop Recipients

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 need. Students benefited across the following public schools and tertiary institutions:

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU)
NSW

ARMIDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE
NSW

BANDIANA PRIMARY SCHOOL
VIC

BATHURST CSU
NSW

BEVERLY HILLS GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
NSW

BINALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL
NSW

BROKEN HILL SCHOOL OF THE AIR
NSW

BULLI HIGH SCHOOL
NSW

CHAFFEY SECONDARY COLLEGE
VIC

CHESTER HILL HIGH SCHOOL
NSW

COONAMBLE HIGH SCHOOL
NSW

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY
VIC

EAST HILLS BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
NSW

EAST HILLS GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
NSW

EDEN MARINE HIGH SCHOOL
NSW

FOUNTAIN GATE SECONDARY COLLEGE
VIC

JAMES RUSE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL
NSW

KEDRON STATE HIGH SCHOOL
QLD

KEMPSEY HIGH SCHOOL
NSW

KEMPSEY TAFE
NSW

KEYSBOROUGH SECONDARY COLLEGE - ACACIA CAMPUS
VIC

KINGSWOOD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL
NSW

LEUMEAH HIGH SCHOOL
NSW

LIVERPOOL GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
NSW

MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
NSW

NAGAMBIE PRIMARY SCHOOL
VIC

NAROOMA HIGH SCHOOL
NSW

PENDLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL
NSW

PRESTONS PUBLIC SCHOOL
NSW

QUARRY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
VIC

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (QUT)
QLD

ROBERT TOWNSON HIGH SCHOOL
NSW

ROOTY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL
NSW

SALISBURY HIGH SCHOOL
SA

SHOALHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL
NSW

ST GEORGE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
NSW

TAFE
NSW

TURVEY PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL
NSW

TYRRELL COLLEGE
VIC

ULTIMO TAFE
NSW

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES (UNSW)
NSW

UNIVERSITY OF THE SUNSHINE COAST
QLD

URUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL
NSW

WAGGA WAGGA HIGH SCHOOL
NSW

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
NSW

WHITEBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
NSW

WOODRIDGE STATE HIGH SCHOOL
QLD



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Public Education Awards 2024

The Public Education Foundation is proud to manage the Public Education Awards on behalf of the NSW Department of Education. In 2024, over 5,300 public school students, teachers, employees, parents and schools 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 or leadership.

GRACE ALEXANDER

James Fallon High School

VICTORIA ALLISTON

Inverell High School

KAILI BUCKLEY

Cowra High School

CHARLOTTE CARTER

Ulladulla High School

KAI CLARY

Denison College of Secondary Education – Bathurst High Campus

KIENNA CLEGG

Whitebridge High School

NATALIA COSTIS-HALKIDIS

Strathfield Girls High School

ELLEN DOLBEL

Orange High School

EMMA EVANS

Elderslie High School

ELLIE FITZPATRICK

Ulladulla High School

LUCA GARCIA-KYTOLA

Melville High School

MADI HEESOM

Northern Beaches Secondary College – Manly Campus

AMBER HOGAN

Northern Beaches Secondary College – Mackellar Girls Campus

DEAN JOHNSUN

Sydney Boys High School

MAKALA KRICAK

Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College – The Entrance Campus

CASSIDY LAUGUICO

Penrith High School

LUCINDA MADDEN

Young High School

SOFIA MALIK

Sydney Girls High School

ALICE MCNEE

Kempsey High School

MINDY MULDER

The Forest High School

EMMA MUNDY

Wagga Wagga High School

OSCAR NELLIST

Turrumurra High School

BRITNEY NGUYEN

Prairiewood High School

RYAN NGUYEN

Canley Vale High School

JAZMINE O'BRIEN

Warners Bay High School

ELANI PLUMMER

Northern Beaches Secondary College – Freshwater Senior Campus

KALANIE PRABHAKAR

Fort Street High School

LOGAN ROMANI

Warners Bay High School

JOHNNY STAMIRIS

Prairiewood High School

ZOE TATTERSALL

Orange High School

ALYSHA THOMAS

Northern Beaches Secondary College – Mackellar Girls Campus

ADVIKA ULHAAN

Girraween High School

SATVIK WARRIER

Penrith High School

KOBI WEISS

Inverell High School

CHELSEA YOUNG

Callaghan College – Jesmond Senior Campus

ELANA ZHANG

Lambton 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.

DANIELLE BARSÌ

Asquith Girls High School

KATIE BRAZEL

Bombala Public School

DR CHRISTOPHER BRUNNER

Sydney Secondary College – Balmain Campus

DEBRA CLARK

Wagga Wagga High School

AIMEE DAWSON

Dorrigo High School

GIORGIO DI SCALA

Prairiewood High School

CHRYSANTHI DIASINOS

Bass High School

KYLIE GARDNER

Hunter School of the Performing Arts

JACQUELINE HARRISON

North Sydney Boys High School

MELISSA HICKS

Curran Public School

PETER KELL
Denison College of Secondary Education – Bathurst High Campus

JAKE KERCHEVAL
Elderslie Public School

PATTY MARKOS
Kogarah High School

RYAN MCGILLIVRAY
Warilla High School

ELISE MCKENZIE
Orange High School

DOMINIQUE MCMAHON
Brisbane Water Secondary College – Umina Campus

SEAN NUGENT
Miller Technology High School

DANNIELLE REICHEL
Hill Top Public School

SAMANTHA SHEPHARD
Wagga Wagga High School

NICHOLAS TSACCOUNIS
Heathcote High School

Secretary's Award for Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging

This prestigious award recognises and pays tribute to NSW Department of Education employees who proactively advocate for and celebrate diversity, inclusion and belonging.

ANGELA BYRON
Oak Flats High School

MERYN MURRAY
Curran Public School

Secretary's Award for Living Our Values

Recognising the Department's support staff and teams who contribute to the NSW Plan for Public Education in service of success for our learners by demonstrating the Department's values of accountability, equity, excellence, integrity, service, and trust.

Accountability

WINNER

TEACHING QUALITY AND IMPACT – STRATEGIC DELIVERY, LITERACY AND NUMERACY PORTFOLIO

Teaching, Learning and Student Wellbeing

FINALISTS

SIDDHARTH MEHTA
Operations Division

SASH PILLAI
Operations Division

Equity

WINNER

STACY PARRY
Operations Division

FINALISTS

JACYNTA MOYLAN
Education and Skills Reform

TEACHING QUALITY AND IMPACT, LEADING EVALUATION, EVIDENCE AND DATA (LEED) TEAM

Teaching, Learning and Student Wellbeing

Excellence

WINNER

SAMANTHA WILSON
Teaching, Learning and Student Wellbeing

FINALISTS

100 PUBLIC PRESCHOOLS TEAM
Early Childhood Outcomes

'EVERY DAY MATTERS' ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN – MELISSA STEWART AND NICHOLAS HAYES
Office of the Secretary

KATHARINE OVENDEN
People Group

Integrity

WINNER

100 PUBLIC PRESCHOOLS TEAM
Early Childhood Outcomes

FINALISTS

VANESSA DIMITROULAS
Teaching, Learning and Student Wellbeing

JENNY SMITH
Operations Division

Service

WINNER

JEFFREY SIEBELS
School Infrastructure NSW

FINALISTS

BROOKE FERGUSON
Office of the Secretary

PATHWAYS ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS – PATHWAYS AND TRANSITIONS
Education and Skills Reform

Trust

WINNER

JENNY STOKES
School Infrastructure NSW

FINALISTS

AMANDA COUGHLIN
Teaching, Learning and Student Wellbeing

MARK DAVIS
Public Schools

Lifetime Achievement Award

STU HASIC

Secretary's Award for Excellent Service

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

CAROLYN CHALMERS

Denison College of Secondary Education – Bathurst High Campus



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



Public Education Awards 2024

LEANNE COLLEY

Ulladulla High School

MARGARET CREAGH

Canley Vale Public School

GAYE DUFTY

Aldavilla Public School

RODNEY EASTWOOD

Cowra High School

NICOLE HAYWARD

Albury High School

KYLIE HEDGER

Elizabeth Macarthur High School

KARYN INGOLD

Ulladulla High School

JOY O'HARA

Narrandera High School

AMY-LEE PETEREIT

Harrington Street Public School

KAREN RAMSAY

The Rivers Secondary College – Kadina High Campus

DALLAS RICHMOND

Wyndham College

MICHAEL ROBERTS

Caddies Creek Public School

ANDREW ROGERS

Westfields Sports High School

FIONA ROGERS

Ringrose Public School

LOUISE RYAN

Kempsey High School

CAZ WILSON

Gateway Learning Community of Schools

Secretary's Award for an 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.

ASHCROFT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mirrung Community Wellbeing Hub

BANKSTOWN GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

The Robotics Program

CABRAMATTA HIGH SCHOOL

Tasi Le Loto Girls' Empowerment Program

CANTERBURY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Enrichment Program

COMO PUBLIC SCHOOL JANNALI PUBLIC SCHOOL TAREN POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

**WATERFALL PUBLIC SCHOOL
WORONORA RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL**
Small Schools' Learning Alliance

CONDELL PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Learning-Eco System

COONABARABRAN HIGH SCHOOL

Ag Skills Day

COWRA HIGH SCHOOL

Our Stories, Our Elders' Book

CURRAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Engagement Hub

HUNTER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

Pathways to Success

HUNTER SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL

Hunter Academy

JAMES FALLON HIGH SCHOOL

Pathway Partnerships Initiative

KULNURA PUBLIC SCHOOL CENTRAL MANGROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL

**JILLIBY PUBLIC SCHOOL
KARIONG MOUNTAINS HIGH SCHOOL**

PEATS RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

RUMBALARA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

SOMERSBY PUBLIC SCHOOL WYONG CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Country's Alive – Connecting to Country Song Writing

MARRICKVILLE WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

Deadly Legends

PRAIRIEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Students At The Centre (SATC)

PRAIRIEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

**BASS HIGH SCHOOL
BONNYRIGG HIGH SCHOOL
CABRAMATTA HIGH SCHOOL
PUNCHBOWL BOYS HIGH SCHOOL**
The NSW Equity Consortium

RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

RTHS Women in STEM Program

THE RIVERS SECONDARY COLLEGE

ALBERT PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

BLAKEBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

**CANIABA PUBLIC SCHOOL
CORNDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL
DUNOON PUBLIC SCHOOL**

GOONELLABAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

LISMORE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

LISMORE SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

MODANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

THE CHANNON PUBLIC SCHOOL

THE RIVERS SECONDARY COLLEGE – KADINA HIGH CAMPUS

THE RIVERS SECONDARY COLLEGE – LISMORE HIGH CAMPUS

THE RIVERS SECONDARY COLLEGE – RICHMOND RIVER HIGH CAMPUS

**WYRALLAH PUBLIC SCHOOL
WYRALLAH ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL**
STEMming the Divide

THE RIVERS SECONDARY COLLEGE – LISMORE HIGH CAMPUS

Broader Bundjalung Language Learning

WARILLA HIGH SCHOOL

Science HSC Success

Secretary's Award for School Achievement

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.

ALBERT PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

STEM Savvy

BONNYRIGG PUBLIC SCHOOL

Bonnyrigg Kids Write

BYRON BAY HIGH SCHOOL

Coaching and Mentoring

CANLEY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Targeting Teaching for Student Growth

CANLEY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Literacy, Numeracy & Attendance Project

CHESTER HILL NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

WIG Focus

CLAYMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Reading Achievement

GRANVILLE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

Inquiry Learning – Every Space Every Place

HARRINGTON STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL

Amplifying Attendance

HUNTER SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

Mastery Learning System

LIVERPOOL BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Capability Framework

OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Student Services Hub

PARRY SCHOOL FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES

Learning Skills

PRESTONS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Learner Qualities



RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL
10 Years of Data-Informed Practice

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Knowledge-Rich Curriculum

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.

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Scholarship Benefits

Making a difference

The following quotes and data was been provided by students during and after their time with PEF.

"I could work on assessment at home [for the first time]."

"I can now access online tutoring."

"I was able to get support with my assignment which was done on time and I passed all my subjects."

"Having a mentor to look up to was truly enjoyable."

"I can freely talk about any required aspect of my personal and academic life."

"Mentoring helped me decide on my career path."

Looking back

When looking back on their scholarship when graduating, students had the following to say.

- **89%** scholarship relived family or individual stress
- **77%** scholarship encouraged them to become a role model or leader for other young people
- **81%** the scholarship assisted me to participate and feel included in school activities and the school community
- **94%** of has a positive impact on their goals.

“

[Someone heard] my concerns and thoughts and I received good advice.

”



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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.

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Chair and board member of several leading organisations

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Astronomer-in-Charge of the Australian Astronomical Observatory



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The Public Education Foundation could not operate without the support of the many volunteers who have donated over 3,500 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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Board of Directors



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David Hetherington is Chair of the Public Education Foundation and Chief Executive Officer of Impact Investing Australia. He has held senior leadership roles including CEO of the Foundation itself and founding Executive Director of the think tank Per Capita. David brings deep expertise in policy, social impact, and education leadership to the Board.



LILA MULARCZYK OAM

B.Ed, MEd, JP | **Deputy Chair**

Lila Mularczyk OAM is Deputy Chair of the Public Education Foundation and has an extensive career in school and system leadership. She is a former Director of Secondary Education for NSW, School Principal, and President of the NSW Secondary Principals' Council. Lila continues to contribute as an academic, teacher, leader, mentor, lecturer, professional learning provider, principal in residence and advisor across universities, education boards, professional projects, NSW Department of Education and Teachers' Federation.

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Cheryl Kennedy is Treasurer of the Public Education Foundation and a Chartered Accountant with more than 20 years of professional experience. Cheryl brings strong financial stewardship expertise to the Board.



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BA | Director

Jane Caro AM is a Director of the Public Education Foundation, widely recognised as an author, lecturer, and social commentator. She is Principal of Jara Consulting and contributes to public debate through her writing, media commentary, and public speaking. Jane brings a passionate advocacy for education and social equity to the Board.



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Professor Philip Roberts is a Director of the Public Education Foundation and Professor of Curriculum Inquiry and Rural Education at the University of Canberra. He has more than a decade of experience as a teacher and school leader in rural and remote communities. Philip has served on multiple curriculum, departmental, and registration boards, bringing deep expertise in rural education policy and practice.



IAN MCGILL
BSc/LLB LLM | Director

Ian McGill is a Director of the Public Education Foundation and a lawyer and company director. He spent almost 40 years at Allens, including 30 as a partner, specialising in corporate governance and regulation across media and telecommunications. Since 2020 he has focused on for-purpose governance as a non-executive director (including in children's health and marine science), sits on the advisory board for UTS's Centre for Media Transition and the advisory board for the North Star Van Norton Poche Cancer Clinical Trials Centre at the Royal North Shore Hospital, and mentors not-for-profit CEOs through Kilfinan Australia.



DAVID WYNNE
B.Ed, MAICD | Director

David Wynne is a Director of the Public Education Foundation and a Non-Executive Director on the Teachers Health Foundation Board. He has held an extensive career in public education, with leadership roles at both school and system level. David contributes strong governance experience and a lifelong commitment to public education.



10 Financial Report 2024-25

The following financial information has been extracted from the 2024-25 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 2025

		2025	2024
	Notes	\$	\$
Revenue and other income	2(a) & 2(b)	3,083,184	6,609,531
Gain/(Loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	3	558,676	489,006
Other income		-	-
Expenses			
Scholarship expenses	2(b)	(1,687,627)	(1,351,333)
Employee benefits expense		(679,959)	(779,522)
Auditors remuneration	4	(35,000)	(31,000)
Finance costs		(3,590)	(2,780)
Software expense		(59,305)	(47,393)
Other expenses		(414,001)	(202,608)
Surplus / (Loss) before income tax expense		762,378	4,683,901
Income tax expense	1(b)	-	-
Surplus / (Loss) after income tax expense for the year attributable to members of The Foundation		762,378	4,683,901
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income (Loss) for the year attributable to members of The Foundation		762,378	4,683,901

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

Financial Report

Public Education Foundation Ltd Statement of financial position | AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

		2025	2024
	Notes	\$	\$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	574,463	342,117
Trade and other receivables	6	191,522	213,264
Total current assets		765,985	555,381
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets	7	-	-
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	9,260,817	8,631,650
Total non-current assets		9,260,817	8,631,650
Total assets		10,026,802	9,187,031
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	99,846	84,550
Employee benefits	10	57,212	82,207
Scholarship liabilities	11	559,786	465,937
Total current liabilities		716,844	632,694
Employee benefits	10	14,202	20,959
Total non-current liabilities		14,202	20,959
Total liabilities		731,046	653,653
Net assets		9,295,756	8,533,378
Equity			
Retained earnings	12	1,540,916	972,711
Scholarship reserve	12	7,754,840	7,560,667
Total equity		9,295,756	8,533,378

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 2025

	Retained earnings	Scholarship reserve	Total equity
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2023	401,585	3,447,892	3,849,477
Transfer from retained earnings to scholarship reserve for scholarship income received but unexpended during the year	(4,112,775)	4,112,775	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	4,683,901	-	4,683,901
Balance at 30 June 2024	972,711	7,560,667	8,533,378
Balance at 1 July 2024	972,711	7,560,667	8,533,378
Transfer from retained earnings to scholarship reserve for scholarship income received but unexpended during the year	(194,173)	194,173	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	762,378	-	762,378
Balance at 30 June 2025	1,540,916	7,754,840	9,295,756

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 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from donations and grants	3,562,102	6,844,448
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,208,601)	(1,019,622)
Payments to scholarship recipients	(2,508,583)	(1,968,970)
Net cash flows from operating activities	(155,082)	3,853,076
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividend, interest and distribution income received	348,145	121,358
Proceeds from sale of financial assets through profit or loss	200,000	351,000
Payments for financial assets through profit or loss	(160,717)	(4,200,020)
Net cash flows from investing activities	387,428	(3,727,662)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net cash flows from financing activities	-	-
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	232,346	125,414
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	342,117	216,703
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	574,463	342,117

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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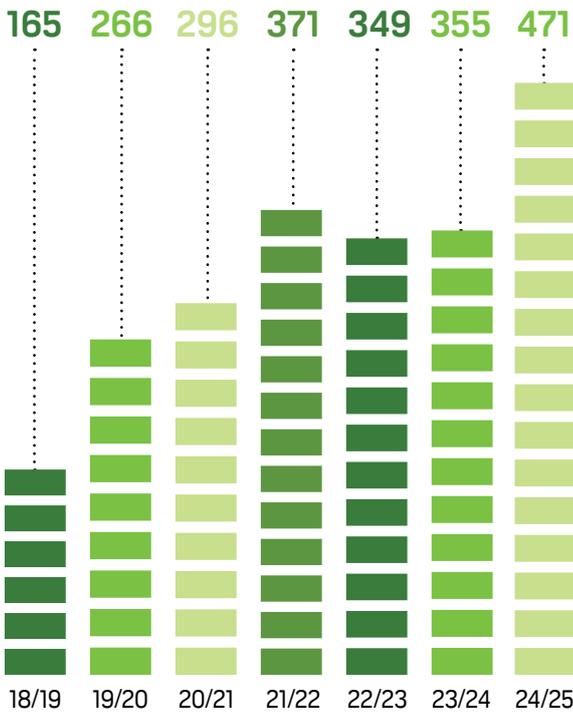
Our Impact: 2009-2025

477 NEW

Scholarships awarded in 2024-25
(includes educators)*



TOTAL NEW
STUDENTS*



* excludes students directly funded by GO Foundation



4090

2009-2025 cumulative



3923

STUDENTS



167

EDUCATORS





APPLICATION NUMBERS ACROSS AUSTRALIA*



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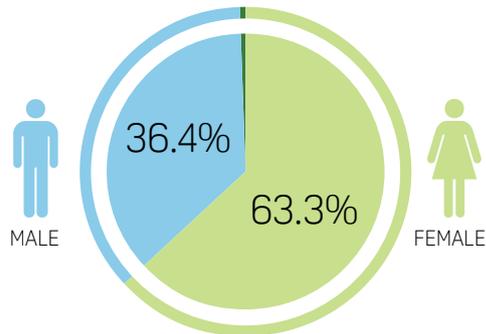


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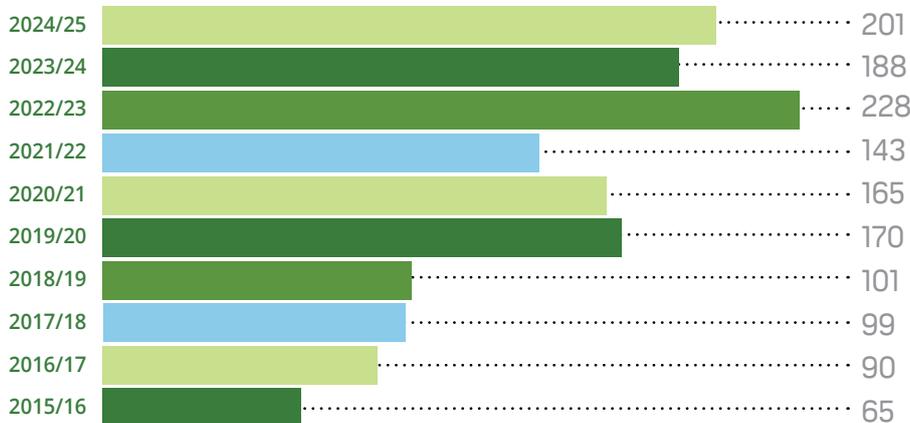
\$ 1,687,627 2024-25

\$11,989,455 2009-2025 cumulative

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



SCHOOLS ENGAGED EACH YEAR



763
TOTAL SCHOOLS ENGAGED TO JUNE 2025

Our Impact: 2009-2025

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

3,900+ student scholarships awarded

95% students confirmed their PEF scholarship amount made a difference

85% students agreed PEF scholarship assisted their academic results

165+ 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.





Our offering to students includes laptops via WorkVentures, mentors, online tutoring via Studiosity, alumni access and a whole lot more.



What is the problem?

Poverty is often the result of a series of interconnected, systemic failures. This is why the 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?

We have been actively surveying scholarship recipients since 2017 to establish how relevant our scholarship program continues to be and in what ways it is making a difference. Initial findings show that 88% of our students believe that their scholarship helped them achieve better academic results and 90% of our students agreed that their scholarship relieved financial stress that their family was experiencing.

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 are developing a new multi-year strategy in 2025 with the arrival of our new CEO. We believe that this will involve further expansion of our core business of scholarships, while exploring opportunities to support public education through advocacy, research and innovation. Expansion of our core business would mean continuing to grow the number of scholarships we offer. Our scholarships are of great value, and 96% of our students tell us that their scholarship was likely to make them study harder to achieve good results at school and 94% agreed that their scholarship gave them an increased sense of confidence and pride in their academic potential. Growth is part of the road ahead.

We are excited about the future of PEF, and we look forward to sharing more analyses regularly. If you have any specific information you would be interested in hearing about please let us know.

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You Can Make A Difference!

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 12% of your gift goes towards administrative expenses. This means that 88% of your donation goes directly to benefit a student.

- Become a mentor
- Workplace giving
- Community fundraising
- One-off donation
- Regular giving
- Leave a gift in your Will
- Volunteering
- Corporate partnerships
- Sponsorships



Public education is an important value of mine, and I am passionate about it. I'm a product of it, and my kids are too. Both they, and I, benefited from amazing and dedicated public school teachers, and I think they are one of the most under-appreciated members of our society.

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