

## Aboriginal Scholarship

### The College Advisory Council provides Aboriginal scholarships to:

- provide Aboriginal students with the opportunity to learn within a Catholic school environment that maximises their learning opportunities
- enable equity of access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to educational services provided at Mercedes College
- achieve equitable and appropriate educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- raise the rate of participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in education

### Applicants must:

- be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- have a strong desire for a Catholic education
- be willing to become involved in the College life and co-curricular activities in accordance with the ethos of Mercedes College
- for 2016, be entering Year Seven at Mercedes College

### Details and Value of the Scholarship:

- Two scholarships are to be provided at each year level by decision of the Principal
- Each scholarship will be awarded for a period of up to six years, renewed on an annual basis and subject to the student meeting College expectations each year
- The minimum value of the scholarship shall be the cost of tuition fees (2015 value \$7,860 per annum). In some instances a half scholarship may be offered.
- At the discretion of the Principal an additional amount of up to \$700 may be made available for expenses such compulsory charges, books, and uniforms

### Duration of the Scholarship

Continuation of the scholarship is dependent upon the following expectations:

- consistent attendance
- consistent application to course work and demonstration of efforts to the best of the student's ability
- compliance with the standard College Enrolment Contract

### Application Forms:

In addition to the Mercedes College Enrolment Application Form and relevant attachments, scholarship applicants are to complete the attached Aboriginal Scholarship Application Form.

No Scholarship application fees will apply to scholarship applicants.

### Documentation to Accompany the Application:

1. Completed Enrolment Application Form
2. Enrolment Application Fee
3. Copy of most recent School Report
4. Copy of Birth Certificate (unless previously submitted)
5. Copy of Baptismal Certificate (if applicable)
6. Aboriginal Scholarship Application Form

## Aboriginal Scholarship Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Outline your main reasons for seeking an Aboriginal Scholarship to Mercedes College:**

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**Detail what you hope to achieve academically whilst at Mercedes College.**

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**Detail any past or potential commitment to co-curricular activities within your school or local community (e.g. sport, music, and other cultural activities).**

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