



Melbourne Girls Grammar
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Melbourne Girls Grammar Indigenous Scholarship 2010

In 2008, Melbourne Girls Grammar became one of only a small number of schools to develop and commit to a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Our RAP recognises Melbourne Girls Grammar's sustained commitment to generating better outcomes for Indigenous Australians.

Opportunities for Indigenous students at Melbourne Girls Grammar School will provide practical measures to address the disadvantage experienced by Indigenous people. We hope our experiences will light the way for others and help contribute for a positive future for Indigenous Australians.

MGGS Reconciliation Action Plan, 2008

The Indigenous Scholarship

Melbourne Girls Grammar (MGGS) is pleased to announce the continuation of its Indigenous Student Scholarship program. In 2010 MGGS will provide a program to encourage and enable Indigenous students from regional Victoria and southern New South Wales to study at MGGS. This Scholarship will be available to a boarding student entering Year 9.

Scholarship Mission

Melbourne Girls Grammar is committed to offering opportunities for Indigenous students which will provide practical measures to address the disadvantage experienced by Indigenous people. We hope these opportunities will lead to a comprehensive educational experience with a view to facilitating higher education.

Scholarship benefits

Indigenous Scholarships are provided to encourage and enable Indigenous students to study at MGGS, recognising that the School community is enriched in every way by their presence. This Scholarship offers full remission of tuition fees, boarding fees, camp fees and technology levies and is awarded for the duration of the recipient's secondary school education (Year 9 – Year 12). The retention of the Scholarship is dependent upon the recipient's satisfactory conduct and progress throughout her time at the School.

Eligibility

Indigenous Scholarships are offered to students from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds for the secondary years of schooling. Applicants should be eligible for Abstudy and seek all available Abstudy assistance.

Family commitment and support

We believe that the support for the students at MGGS from their families and community is essential to the student's success and well-being.

Indigenous Scholarship applicants must have the support of their family and/or community. This will require both financial and emotional support. Families are encouraged to participate in School programs/information sessions as much as possible and be supportive of their daughter's education.

The success of the scholarship program is highly dependent on the support and commitment of the parents, family and community.

Building Relationships

Melbourne Girls Grammar seeks to build strong, mutual relationships with students, families and communities. We believe that these relationships are essential to the success of our Indigenous Scholars. For this reason we require each scholarship applicant to provide the School with a letter from a letter from her local Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group (LAECG), or other Indigenous organisation/senior community member, which supports her application.

In addition, we require a letter from the applicant, in her own words, which explains why she would like to attend MGGS. This letter should also outline specific academic/career goals for life beyond secondary school.

The Selection Process

Applicants will be chosen according to current academic progress and proven application to study, willingness to contribute to the MGGS community, leadership qualities, motivation to complete Year 12 and interest in tertiary study. The Indigenous Scholarship is awarded on merit and interview with the Principal who will make the final decision.

The Indigenous Scholarship Co-ordinator will assist the Principal in the short-listing of candidates.

Finalists will be invited to attend an interview with the Principal and/or Deputy Principal at Melbourne Girls Grammar in late November 2009.

How to apply

Written applications are to be provided and should include:

- A completed MGGS Indigenous Scholarship 2010 Application Form
- A letter from your local Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group (LAECG), or other Indigenous organisation, which supports your application. This letter must include the name of the referee and contact telephone number
- A letter from the applicant, in her own words, addressed to the Principal, Mrs Misson, which explains why she would like to attend MGGS. This letter should also outline specific academic/career goals for life beyond secondary school.
- A copy of school reports from the last 2 years
- A copy of the student's Year 7 NAPLAN test results
- Copies of any awards or certificates and/or evidence of participation in school or other activities

Applications are to be submitted by **Wednesday 18 November 2009** and should be sent to

***The Principal
Mrs Catherine Misson
Melbourne Girls Grammar
86 Anderson St
South Yarra VIC 3141***

Further information

Further information regarding the MGGS Indigenous Student Scholarship program can be found by contacting the Indigenous Student Scholarship Co-ordinator, Mrs Kellie Lyneham, on (03) 9862 9200 or email kellie.lyneham@mggs.vic.edu.au



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Melbourne Girls Grammar Indigenous Scholarship 2010 Application Form

PERSONAL DETAILS	
Applicant's name	
Date of Birth	
Address	
	Postcode
Present School	
Present Year Level	
Parent(s)' Name(s)	
Telephone	Home
	Work
	Mobile
Email	

APPLICANT CHECK LIST
I have completed the table above and attached the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Support letter from my local AECG, or other Indigenous organisation<input type="checkbox"/> Written letter from the applicant<input type="checkbox"/> A copy of school reports from the last 2 years<input type="checkbox"/> Year 7 AIM test results<input type="checkbox"/> Copies of any awards or certificates and or evidence of participation in school or other activities

Parent (1) Signature		Date	
Parent (2) Signature		Date	
Applicant Signature		Date	

How did you hear about the MGS Indigenous Scholarship Program? (please circle)			
Herald Sun	Koori Mail	Regional newspaper (specify)	Other (specify)