

## MOORDITJ BIDI (SOLID PATH) PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

Aranmore Catholic College has offered support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students since 2002. We welcome all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Our Program assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who, due to financial circumstances, may be denied a Catholic Secondary Education.

The College offers the Moorditj Bidi Program because of our commitment to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We aim to provide assistance to help further the career opportunities for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

### FEES

The Moorditj Bidi Program assists with the cost of the annual tuition fees for the duration of a student's schooling at Aranmore. Students on Scholarships are reviewed based on their attendance, behaviour, and engagement with the Program periodically with the Program Coordinator, relevant dean of students, and the Principal.

All students in the program are encouraged to apply for ABSTUDY.

### UNIFORMS AND BOOKS

Assistance will be provided for uniforms and textbooks. When a student leaves the College, all uniforms and textbooks are to be returned in good condition.

### OTHER EXPENSES

The Moorditj Bidi Scholarship does not cover any of the following costs:

- The cost of excursions, camps, and extra curricula activities
- Travel to and from the College
- Accommodation arrangement and costs
- Food for the school day (eg lunch)
- cost of electronic device

For additional information and assistance with the Scholarship, or any other financial assistance, please contact the College Business Manager.

### COLLEGE EXPECTATIONS

- Scholarship recipients must have regular and punctual attendance at school, with a minimum attendance of 90%. In the event of genuine absence from school, a medical certificate or a note from the family, guardian or boarding supervisor/house parent must be provided to the college. Students who are absent from school without a genuine reason are at risk of being withdrawn from the Moorditj Bidi Program.

- Students who resides outside of the metropolitan area should be aware that travel to and from the student's hometown should be completed during holiday times. Travel should not be undertaken during term time unless there is a genuine and urgent need for this to happen. Prior approval of this must come from the Principal.
- Scholarship recipients must complete all their assignments and class work to the best of their ability. Students who do not complete a series of assignments and class work will be at risk of being withdrawn from the program.
- Students are advised that attending Homework classes is compulsory in Years 7-10.
- Active participation in Moorditj Bidi Program activities such as NAIDOC events, Form, Pastoral periods, and all other cultural workshops is expected by all Scholarship recipients.

In circumstances of continued poor behaviour, lack of effort in studies, or lack of engagement in the program, the Scholarship may be withdrawn. Each student's progress will be reviewed at the end of each term. Parents/guardians will receive ongoing communication regarding these reviews.

## **STUDENT SUPPORT**

Aranmore Catholic College understands that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students may also require extra academic assistance.

The College employs a Moorditj Bidi program Coordinator and Aboriginal Teaching Assistants, who support students in the classroom and provide a point of contact and support for other pastoral needs.

## **ENROLMENT PROCESS**

Parent who wishes to make an application for the Moorditj Bidi Program should apply online via the College website (<https://www.aranmore.wa.edu.au/education-care/inside-the-classroom/aboriginal-student-support>) or contact the College (9201 5200) for an application form. If they wish, they can speak with the Moorditj Bidi Program Coordinator.

If the student resides in the metropolitan area, an enrolment interview will take place with the Principal. Other means of processing the enrolment will occur, for those living in remote areas.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

The College is not a boarding school and does not provide accommodation. However, accommodation assistance may be available through:

Rotary Residential College

85 Kent Street  
 East Victoria Park  
 Western Australia 6101  
 Ph: 0894704177

Email: [admin@rotaryresidentialcollege.com.au](mailto:admin@rotaryresidentialcollege.com.au)

Website: <https://www.rotaryresidentialcollege.com.au>