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As the original inhabitants of Australia, we respect, honour and value the diversity, culture and wisdom of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people. The primary goal of this scholarship is to provide First Nations students with education and co-curricular opportunities at Matthew Flinders Anglican College. As part of this First Nations Scholarship commitment, the students will make a significant contribution to the life of the College.

To apply for a First Nations Scholarship at Matthew Flinders Anglican College, [click here](#) to complete the Scholarship Application Form.

## FIRST NATIONS SCHOLARSHIP | BENEFITS

The First Nations Scholarship offers sponsorship of the following education expenses:

- Tuition Fees (including Year Level Camps)
- Textbook and Resource Levy
- Year Level Programs Levy
- Technology Levy
- Co-curricular activities (up to \$350)
- Uniform costs (up to \$1000 initially, with prior approval thereafter)

The Scholarship may include the following, with prior approval:

- Special interest/subject camps (ie. Music and Sports Tours)
- Subject levies (ie. Marine Science)

The Scholarship does not cover:

- Unapproved co-curricular activities and expenses

Shortlisted candidates and their parents/guardians will be invited to attend an interview with the College Principal; Deputy Principal, Secondary - Student Engagement; and a representative of the Flinders Reconciliation Committee.

To be eligible for consideration, the applicant must:

- Be a non-Flinders student commencing Year 9 or Year 10 in 2025.
- Exhibit attributes of an outstanding all-round contributor.
- Demonstrate strong academic endeavour as identified in school reports.
- Demonstrate leadership potential as identified by comments from the applicant's referees.
- Show involvement in community service, either within or outside the applicant's school program.

We would like to identify students who would not otherwise have the option of attending Matthew Flinders Anglican College. As such, the applicant's family must be prepared to provide a bonafide statement that due to financial constraints, the family would not normally be able to consider a Flinders education. This will include disclosure of the family's financial situation. Any details shared about your family's financial situation will be kept in strict confidence.

Applicants are invited to submit a folio, including:

- Proof of descent/Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander (ie. Letter from local Aboriginal Land Council)
- Academic and pastoral reports from the applicant's two years of school
- Year 7 or 9 NAPLAN results
- A handwritten essay introducing the applicant, explaining why they wish to attend Matthew Flinders Anglican College
- Two references from adults other than family or staff from their current school
- An optional reference from a staff member at the applicant's current school





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