John XXIII College Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Indigenous) Equity Scholarships

Introduction
The John XXIII College Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Indigenous) Equity Scholarship Programme co-partners the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre and the Yalari Foundation in improving access to higher education for Indigenous Australian students who choose to study at the ANU and satisfy those criteria noted below. In academic year 2019, the Programme will offer up to four Indigenous Equity Scholarships, and there will be up to four scholarship recipients at the College in any one calendar year.

The scholarships are targeted at younger indigenous scholars who might have limited access to work opportunities in their places of origin and be unable to meet the costs attached to university accommodation but who would benefit from interaction with their peer group in a supportive College environment.

Value
The scholarships are full remissions of the Accommodation and Catering Fees (not the Refundable Room Bond, Academic Gown or Annual Fees & Levies) payable on a Standard Room for residence at John XXIII College for academic year 2019. (Note that any part of a scholarship that is unused may not be converted to a cash value. Based on a 2019 Standard Room, a full resident’s yearly tariff is valued at $17,325)

Eligibility
Prospective John XXIII College residents of Indigenous descent who accept or have accepted an offer of a program of study at the Australian National University (ANU) are eligible to apply for the scholarships. Scholarship recipients must reside at John XXIII College whilst receiving the scholarship and be entering either their first or second year of study in a program of study at the ANU.

Applicants must be 20 years of age or younger when they apply and must not have been enrolled at the ANU between 2010 and 2013.

Applicants must demonstrate eligibility by providing a Confirmation of Aboriginality or similar support letter from a recognised Aboriginal or Torres Strait Organisation.

It is no impediment to application if an applicant has not as yet received an offer of study from the ANU. However, acceptance into the scholarship Programme is dependent on him/her later achieving such an offer.

Application
To apply for this scholarship, applicants must provide the following:

1. UAC documentation demonstrating application to ANU programs of study;
2. Evidence of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent noted at “Eligibility” above;
3. Academic transcripts from Year 12 studies and/or University studies;
4. A one page A4 typed statement outlining academic aspirations;
5. Three phone referees, with one of those referees being the Applicant’s former secondary school principal.

Short-listed candidates will be required to take part in a phone interview with the Head of John XXIII College or his/her delegate.

Selection
The scholarship shall be awarded on the basis of applicants accepting a UAC offer of an ANU program of study, academic merit with primary recourse to each applicant’s ATAR and his/her secondary school’s principal’s recommendation.

Concurrent Holding of Scholarships
John XXIII College Indigenous Scholarships may be held concurrently with any other scholarship or bursary.
Deferment
The scholarship must be taken up in the year of offer and cannot be deferred. All scholarship offers are only valid for the year in which they have been made.

Commencement
The scholarship shall commence in the year that it was offered. The commencement date shall be outlined in the scholarship offer letter.

Duration and Level of Performance
Scholarships are renewable in subsequent academic years up to a maximum of three continuous years of scholarship support subject to recipients’ ongoing good conduct, their remaining free of ANU Academic Probation and their remaining enrolled in the same or a progress-related ANU program of study.

Enrolment
1. A scholar must enrol in and remain enrolled on a full-time basis (48 units per year) in a degree program offered at the University;
2. In exceptional circumstances, a scholar may be given permission by the Head of John XXIII College to hold the scholarship while enrolled part-time. The scholar must submit a written request and make a case citing the exceptional circumstances that require him/her to be enrolled on a part-time basis;
3. The scholarship shall be surrendered if the scholar changes to part-time enrolment without permission or withdraws from the Programme while holding the scholarship.

Termination
The scholarship shall terminate at the conclusion of the period outlined above, or on the date on which the scholar ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences, whichever is the earlier. The College, in consultation with the University, may terminate the scholarship before this time if the scholar does not fulfil his or her obligations.

Taxation
Scholars are responsible for seeking taxation advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Please note that scholarships may be regarded as taxable income if a scholar is enrolled on a part-time basis.

Publicity
It is anticipated that John XXIII College Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Indigenous) Equity Scholarship holders may be requested to participate in publicity of the scholarship from time to time. This may include publicity in the state or territory of residence or of schooling. Scholars may be contacted for an interview and photograph. The University may also publicise the scholarships by publishing the names of the scholars. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the Communications and External Liaison Office of the University.

Disclaimer
The award of a scholarship does not carry any commitment by the University or John XXIII College for future employment.

Applications should be addressed to the John XXIII College Head of College (Mr. Geoff Johnston) and either returned to:

John XXIII College
PO Box 417
Canberra, ACT 2601

OR

Tjabal Centre (Attn: Anne Martin)
Division of Student Administration
12 Ellery Crescent, Melville Hall
ANU Acton, 2601