



AIEF
AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

NATION CHANGERS

SYNDICATE



Change a life and help change the nation by joining the AIEF Nation Changers Syndicate to provide a scholarship for an Indigenous child at a leading Australian school.

Since we began in 2008, AIEF has grown from one scholarship student to now supporting over 1,000 young Indigenous people from over 400 communities in every state and territory of Australia.

With scholarships and employment support, hundreds of Indigenous students have already completed their schooling and embarked on careers, strengthening their families and communities, and realising their full potential.

These outcomes have been underpinned by funding from the public and private sectors – funding that is already committed to current scholarship students.

We can't stop when there is so much more to do.

We invite you to become a founding member of the AIEF Nation Changers Syndicate so together, we can provide the transformative opportunity of a quality education to more Indigenous children.

Your investment will empower young Indigenous Australians to shape our nation's future.



Andrew Penfold AM
Executive Director





NATION CHANGERS SYNDICATE MEMBERS

- Pledge an annual tax-deductible donation of \$26,000 per annum for six years (i.e. six annual instalments of \$26,000 totalling \$156,000), to the AIEF Scholarship Fund, invoiced annually.
- Are invited to meet and network with fellow members at exclusive discussions and events each year.
- Can opt-in to become a mentor to one of the Indigenous students supported by the AIEF Scholarship Fund.
- Can also volunteer to facilitate or deliver workshops that equip students with the skills they need to make a successful transition from school to careers.
- Join an influential group of philanthropists and thought leaders investing in a program with a track record of successful outcomes and low costs.

NATION CHANGERS ENDOWMENT FUND

Become an AIEF Nation Changers Endowment Founder by contributing \$500,000 to help build and sustain one AIEF Scholarship place in perpetuity for young Indigenous students.

The Bill and Patricia Ritchie Foundation's support of AIEF began when Andrew Penfold presented our family with an audacious and ambitious plan to dramatically impact opportunities for Indigenous students in secondary school education. The phenomenal success of AIEF is beyond our expectations. Our support and our belief in the program continues to grow.

**Julia and Ruth Ritchie, Directors
The Bill and Patricia Ritchie Foundation
Syndicate and Endowment Founders**

Delwyn Wunungmurra
Gapuwiyak, Arnhem Land, NT
Year 12, 2016, The Scots College
Aboriginal Community Police Officer

In 2013, Delwyn started boarding school at The Scots College in Sydney, more than 4,000km away from his home in the remote Aboriginal community of Gapuwiyak in north-eastern Arnhem Land.

“The first year was a bit tough, being far away from family and in a big city,” Delwyn admits. “By the second year, I had found my feet. My English improved, I started getting better grades.”

Delwyn graduated in 2016, set on a career path that would allow him to affect change in Indigenous communities. “I was proud to graduate. There are really only a handful of people from my community who have finished Year 12.”

Delwyn returned to his home community, landing a job as an Aboriginal Liaison Officer, negotiating the relationship between the police and his community.

“I wanted to go back to the community to be a good role model to others, and to be close to my family.”

After completing training in Darwin, Delwyn is now an Aboriginal Community Police Officer, posted to Nhulunbuy, another remote Indigenous community around 200kms from his home.

“I am glad that I went to Scots on an AIEF Scholarship to get a good education. I pushed myself and challenged myself to be a role model for my siblings and be a young leader for my community.”

AIEF SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS ARE



↑ 2.3x

**MORE LIKELY TO
COMPLETE YEAR 12**



Tahlia Prior
Perth, WA
Year 12, 2015, St Peters Lutheran College
Bachelor of Engineering at Curtin University

Tahlia's mother enrolled her in boarding school because she wanted her daughter to enjoy the benefits of being at a school that could provide a quality education.

"I loved school. I loved learning, seeing my friends every day and having the opportunity to live with them. I didn't realise that boarding school would be the best experience of my life so far."

Tahlia believes attending boarding school helped her build more independence and responsibility. "It definitely allowed me to learn more about myself."

Tahlia couldn't wait to finish Year 12 and start university. "Engineering is something I've wanted to do since I was 15 years old. I couldn't wait to begin my journey to becoming an engineer."

Tahlia committed to her studies and decided to go down the path of construction; she is now working as a project engineer while studying at university.

As a young woman working in a male-dominated industry, Tahlia is also passionate about helping others achieve their goals. "I want to use my story as a female in engineering to help inspire others to pursue higher education."

Tahlia sees receiving her AIEF Scholarship as a case of perfect timing. "AIEF is such a great organisation and they have the most amazing, genuine and supportive team. It's so important that organisations like AIEF exist, because we need to eliminate the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians."

AIEF YEAR 12 GRADUATES ARE



↑ 4x

**MORE LIKELY TO
GO TO UNIVERSITY**



ABOUT AIEF SCHOLARSHIPS

- AIEF awards scholarships for up to six years of secondary schooling based on financial need, student enthusiasm and parental support.
- The average cost of an AIEF Scholarship is approximately \$26,000 per annum, covering boarding fees, tuition fees, uniforms and other incidental expenses.
- A compulsory parental contribution scaled according to family means, and other available subsidies, is deducted each year.
- AIEF currently supports around 400 Indigenous boys and girls each year at leading educational partners around Australia.
- AIEF continues to support students after they complete Year 12 and alumni consistently achieve a successful transition rate into further study or employment of 90% and above.
- For many AIEF Scholarship Students' families, the financial barriers to attending participating boarding schools are likely to be insurmountable without an AIEF Scholarship.



HOUSEHOLD INCOME
\$40,000 OR BELOW
FOR LARGEST SHARE OF
AIEF FAMILIES



**OVER
700** YEAR 12 AND
UNIVERSITY
GRADUATES



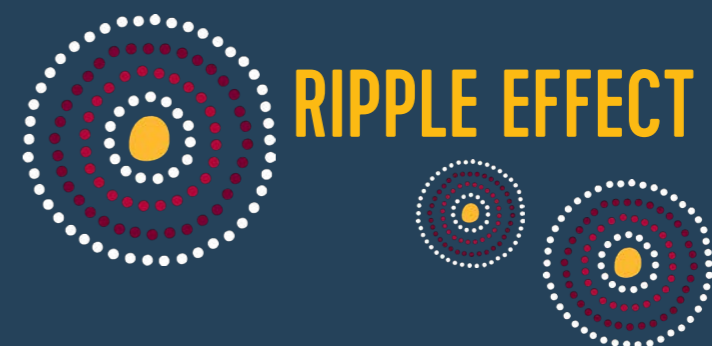
AIEF continues to achieve remarkable results in Indigenous education, with cohorts of bright young scholars completing school and university each year, moving into the world equipped with diverse and valuable skills.

David Gonski AC
Syndicate Founder



Each year, 90% of AIEF students stay at school and complete Year 12

Each year, 90% of AIEF graduates participating in the program successfully transition to further study or employment



AIEF is making a measurable difference to the lives of hundreds of Indigenous scholarship students. Perhaps more significantly, these students are having an immeasurable impact on their families, communities and the nation.

Geoff Dixon
Syndicate Founder

Education is critical to positive opportunity for Indigenous Australians – education is something gained through dedication and hard work. Supporting an AIEF Scholarship means I am giving an Indigenous student the opportunity to earn an education and join the now hundreds of AIEF graduates embarking on productive careers.

Ann Sherry AO
Syndicate Founder

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