



GOULBURN VALLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

GVGS FOUNDATION SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP – ABORIGINAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP - YEAR 7, 2026 ENTRY

INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

The GVGS Social Justice - Aboriginal Student Scholarship has been established to provide exceptional educational opportunities for an Aboriginal student who has the potential to lead within the community. This Scholarship will be awarded to a student for Year 7 entry in 2026.

WHAT THE SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES

The Scholarship covers all compulsory school fees for Years 7 to 12. This includes Tuition Fee, Capital Charge and Fixed Charge. Parents are expected to pay for textbooks, school uniform, travel expenses and other optional items not covered by fees.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for this scholarship, student applicants need to demonstrate the following:

- identify as Aboriginal and acceptance as such by the community in which they live
- eligible to enter Year 7 in 2026 (completing Year 6 in 2025)
- should have sufficient self-confidence and personal support to enter a new school at Year 7 with the intention of continuing to Year 12.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Academic levels and achievements of a student are considered but are not the predominant criteria for selection. Selection is based on consideration of the following criteria:

Commitment

Demonstrated determination to attend school regularly and complete Year 12.

Attitude

- a love of learning
- ability to adjust positively to the school environment
- the social skills and confidence to relate well to others

Academic effort and progress

The student demonstrates qualities which will assist them to cope with the demands of the curriculum:

- reasonable literacy and numeracy levels
- sound work habits (organisation, completion of homework)
- diligence, determination and a willingness to attempt new work

Community Service

Contribution to and involvement in the local community

Co-curricular

Willingness to actively participate in the school's co-curricular programme including Performing Arts, Sport and Service

Parent Support

- a commitment to the importance of education
- willingness to support their son / daughter's full participation in the co-curricular programmes of the school
- support of the school's values, culture and expectations

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

It is expected that the scholarship recipient will, throughout their time at the school, demonstrate a commitment to strive to meet academic goals. This would include satisfactory progress and participation in all school programmes. The scholarship will be subject to an annual review based on the above expectations. Should there be significant concerns, the Principal will conduct a review and, in extreme cases, may terminate the scholarship.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. Written Application

Using the following application form, complete a written application and submit by the closing date.

2. Short Listing

A panel will consider all applications and will prepare a short list of candidates.

3. Interview

Short listed candidates and their parents will be invited to an interview with the selection panel. A second interview may be required.

4. Final Selection

All candidates will be contacted in writing regarding the final decision of the panel.

ASSISTANCE WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS

If you require assistance with the application process, please contact the school.



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APPLICATION FORM

SECTION 1: Personal Details

Applicant's Family Name:
Applicant's Given Names:
Date of Birth:	.....
Do you identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?	
Current School and Year Level	.....
Names of other schools attended, if any	.....
Applicant's Signature:	.....
Parent / Guardian 1: Name	.....
Address:	.....
Telephone	H).....(W)..... (M).....
	Email.....
Relationship to Student:	.....
Parent / Guardian 2: Name	.....
Address:	.....
Telephone	H).....(W)..... (M).....
	Email.....
Relationship to Student:	.....
Permission to contact current school	.....
Parent / Guardian 1 Signature:	.....
Parent / Guardian 2 Signature:	.....
Date:	.....

SECTION 3: Supporting Documentation

Please attach photocopies of the following documents to the application form.

1. Please provide confirmation of Aboriginality in the form of endorsement of Aboriginal identity or descent from any of the following organisations. If you do not currently have this endorsement please contact the organisations for assistance.
 - Rumbalara Aboriginal Cooperative Ltd., 20 Rumbalara Rd, Mooroopna Vic., Phone: (03) 5820 0000, <https://rumbalara.org.au/aboriginality/>
 - Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation, Phone: (03) 5832 0222, <http://www.yynac.com.au/>
 - Njernda Aboriginal Corporation, 86 Hare Street, Echuca VIC 3564, Phone: (03) 5480 6252, <https://www.njernda.com.au/>
2. School Academic Reports – Semester 2, 2023, Semester 1, 2024 and Semester 2, 2024
3. NAPLAN Year 5 and Year 3
4. Any academic certificates, prizes etc.
5. **Optional** - Any written references or recommendations from current school and / or a respected member of your local community. This should not be a member of your immediate family.
6. A recent passport style photograph of the applicant

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

1. Please check that all the sections of the application have been completed.
2. Post or hand-deliver the completed application to the Registrar at the following address by the closing date.

Postal Address:

Goulburn Valley Grammar School,
PO Box 757,
Shepparton 3632

Street Address:

Goulburn Valley Grammar School,
455 Verney Road,
Shepparton 3630

If you have any questions please contact the Registrar

Phone : 03 5833 3300 Email : Registrar@gvgs.vic.edu.au

The **closing date** for Aboriginal Student Scholarship applications for Year 7, 2026 entry is **4.30pm Friday 14th March 2025**