



## Indigenous Scholarships Information 2022

St Mary's Anglican Girls' School invites students of Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander descent who possess and have demonstrated leadership potential and aspire to educational excellence to apply for boarding or day scholarships for **Years 7 to 12 in 2022**.

St Mary's currently partners with MADALAH Limited for students wishing to attend secondary school within Western Australia. MADALAH Limited is a not-for-profit organisation that offers secondary and tertiary education scholarships for Indigenous students, primarily from remote and regional communities, to Western Australia's leading boarding schools and Australian universities. MADALAH Limited believes education is the key to generational change and opportunity, and is committed to making a difference in the lives of all students granted a scholarship, their families and communities. MADALAH stands for 'Making A Difference And Looking Ahead'.

These scholarships are administered by MADALAH on behalf of the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA). We are a partner school with MADALAH and, therefore, enrolled students may be eligible.

### Criteria for Selection

In order to qualify for these scholarships, students are required to:

- be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and possess a Proof of Aboriginality Certificate;
- be eligible for ABSTUDY and be able to provide proof OR demonstrate some form of disadvantage, eg financial or geographic;
- have a positive school report, including a strong attendance record, an active involvement in current school life and a commitment to continue their education through to the end of Year 12;
- have a supportive family network that values the advancement of educational opportunities for girls and have a home located in Western Australia; and
- have a referee supporting their application for a scholarship to attend St Mary's Anglican Girls' School.

### Application Process

The application process to St Mary's requires students to:

- fully complete the Enrolment Form, as requested by the Enrolments Registrar;
- provide a certified copy of documentation verifying their Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander heritage;
- submit a copy of their most recent academic school reports, including their Year 3 and/or Year 5 NAPLAN results as a minimum;
- provide two written references from their current School Principal, classroom teacher or someone who knows them well, supporting their application for a place at the school;



- write a letter to Mrs Judith Tudball, School Principal, outlining the benefits that a St Mary's education would provide them; and
- provide evidence to demonstrate some form of disadvantage, demonstrating the need of a scholarship of this nature, eg financial or geographic.

**In order to apply for these scholarships, families are encouraged to contact the School's Enrolments Registrar on 08 9341 9121 or via email on [enrolments@stmarys.wa.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@stmarys.wa.edu.au) to clarify the enrolment process.**

Please note that there are strict closing dates for these scholarships. MADALAH scholarship applications for 2022 open on Monday 8 February 2021 and close on Saturday 31 July 2021.

To allow us to assess our applications, interview registered candidates and provide feedback to MADALAH, St Mary's **closing date for all MADALAH Scholarships will be 4.00pm on Friday 4 June 2021.**

The MADALAH website provides full details of how to apply to MADALAH: [www.madalah.com.au](http://www.madalah.com.au).

St Mary's has a strong history of educational success with Indigenous students. A dedicated Indigenous Support Co-ordinator works closely with MADALAH to support the girls, and an Indigenous mentor visits the girls regularly to guide them, both socially and academically, within the school. A range of social and leadership opportunities are offered to the girls through MADALAH and the wellbeing of the girls remains a constant priority.

We warmly welcome your application and would be keen to show you around our beautiful school and outline all that we can offer your daughter as part of our Indigenous Scholarship Program. We look forward to hearing from you.