



Indigenous Scholarships Information 2021

St Mary's has a proud history of partnering with MADALAH to offer scholarships to talented, young, indigenous women.

Students of Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander descent who possess demonstrated leadership potential and aspirations of educational excellence may apply for a boarding or day school place for Years 7 to 12. Entry can be in **Year 7, 8, 9 or 10**.

Indigenous students must provide evidence of a place offered to them by St Mary's when applying to MADALAH and, hence, a completed St Mary's enrolment form should be the first step in the process of applying for a MADALAH Indigenous Scholarship.

Parents of MADALAH Scholarship holders may also apply for AbStudy funding to supplement the funding to meet any shortfall in school fees.

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy, funds MADALAH Scholarships to close the gap in Indigenous educational disadvantage by creating greater access to additional education choice for Indigenous students, particularly those from very remote areas of the country.

Criteria for Selection

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

- complete the enrolment form as requested by the Enrolment Registrar;
- be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and provide a Proof of Aboriginality Certificate;
- submit their two most recent school reports and most recent NAPLAN results;
- show evidence of a strong school attendance record;
- provide a written reference from their current School Principal supporting their application for a scholarship place at St Mary's;
- give an outline of their active involvement in current school life, with details of achievements both inside and outside of the classroom;
- write a letter to Mrs Judith Tudball, the School Principal, outlining the benefits a St Mary's education would provide for them and their future aspirations. This letter should be no more than 300 words in length; and
- show evidence to demonstrate financial need of a scholarship of this nature, which may include means testing by the School.

All required documents should be sent together via one of the following methods, **to arrive no later than Tuesday 20 June 2020**:

- email: enrolments@stmarys.wa.edu.au; or
- post: Enrolments Registrar, Indigenous Scholarship Application, St Mary's Anglican Girls' School, PO Box 105, Karrinyup WA 6921; or
- hand: Enrolments Registrar, Indigenous Scholarship Application, St Mary's Anglican Girls' School, 75 Elliott Road, Karrinyup WA 6018.

More information regarding the associated MADALAH application process and selection criteria can be gained by visiting www.madalah.com.au.

NOTE: Applicants for the Indigenous Scholarship are **NOT** required to sit the scholarship exam.

In order to apply for these scholarships, families are encouraged to contact the School's Enrolments Registrar on 08 9341 9121 or enrolment@stmarys.wa.edu.au.