

INDIGENOUS ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP

The Indigenous Access Scholarships are designed to provide opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to support their personal and academic success and to provide access to students who might otherwise struggle to meet the cost of studies. Each Scholarship application is **assessed on a case-by-case basis**, and all successful applicants will be notified in writing.

1.0 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status

For the purposes of this Indigenous Access Scholarship, a person will be considered to be an Indigenous person where they:

- Are of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; *and*
- Identifies as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; *and*
- Is accepted as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in the community in which he/she lives or has lived.

2.0 Selection Criteria

- Must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status as defined in item 1.0; *and*
- Meet the entry requirements of Kent Institute Australia; *and*
- Submit a written statement of no less than 500 words with the Application for Admission detailing why they believe they deserve a scholarship. Applicants will also be required to attend a short interview to confirm course suitability (*mutually agreed to be conducted by telephone or face to face*).

3.0 Number of Indigenous Access Scholarships available

Vocational courses (VET) - 5 places <link to courses offered>

Higher Education (HEd) courses- 5 places <link to courses offered>

Successful scholarship recipients can study at either the Sydney or Melbourne Campus.

4.0 Courses of Study

Vocational course or Bachelor degree offered by Kent (Sydney or Melbourne).

5.0 Value of Scholarships

Successful recipients of a Kent Indigenous Access Scholarship will have their tuition fees paid for the duration of their studies. This Scholarship covers tuition fees only.

6.0 Terms and Conditions

The Indigenous Access Scholarship is governed by the following terms and conditions:

1. All Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of Kent to Indigenous students undertaking on-campus, full-time study of a Kent Vocational course or Bachelor degree.
2. Scholarships are only available to new students enrolling at Kent Sydney or Melbourne Campuses. Current Kent students or students studying in conjunction with any other course (including Kent vocational courses) or scholarship/bursary program are not eligible to apply.
3. Scholarships are not transferable to third parties.

4. Scholarships remain valid whilst the recipient:
 - a. Remains enrolled in full-time study at Kent
 - b. Remains enrolled in the course listed on their Offer of Admission- Student Enrolment Agreement
5. Scholarships will lapse if the recipient:
 - a. Graduates from the course
 - b. Cancels their enrolment at Kent
 - c. Has their enrolment cancelled by Kent in accordance with Kent's Policies and Procedures such as through acts of misconduct or unsatisfactory course progression.
6. Scholarships will be maintained subject to the recipient meeting all other Kent requirements.
7. Scholarships are calculated on a per Trimester (HEd) /Term (VET) basis, and applied against each Unit/Subject enrolled. Scholarships are not redeemable for cash.
8. By accepting this Scholarship, recipients agree to be Kent student ambassadors and may be required to participate in Kent promotional or student events and uphold the reputation and standing of Kent.
9. Scholarships may be withdrawn with ten (10) days written notice, should the recipient breach any of these conditions.

7.0 Awarding of Scholarships

1. The prospective student will be required to complete and submit an Indigenous Access Scholarship Application Form via email: admissions@kent.edu.au or at the Kent Reception Desk. ([Documents](#) > *Public Policies and Forms* > *FORM - Indigenous Access Scholarship Application Form*)
2. Indigenous Access Scholarship Applications will be assessed by Kent staff and authorised by the Manager Student Services in accordance with the eligibility criteria. A written response will be provided to the prospective student with the Kent Offer of Admission- Student Enrolment Agreement within 10 working days.
3. The Scholarship is only confirmed when the valid Offer of Admission- Student Enrolment Agreement has been signed and accepted by the recipient and they finalise their enrolment during the designated periods.
4. The Scholarship recipient details will be recorded on an Indigenous Access Scholarship Register maintained by the Manager Student Services.
5. The Indigenous Access Scholarship details will be entered on the Kent Network via the Student Information System by a Student Administration Officer.
6. It is the responsibility of the Manager Student Services to monitor and maintain the Indigenous Access Scholarship Register to ensure the student's compliance with the terms and conditions of the Scholarship and the ongoing eligibility to receive the Scholarship.

8.0 Reporting

The Executive Dean will be required to report to Academic Board on the Indigenous Access Scholarship for both Vocational and Higher Education students at the end of each Trimester.

The Executive Manager Operations and Development will be required to provide an annual report to the last meeting of the year of Governing Board on the strategic marketing impact related to the Indigenous Access Scholarship.

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