

PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION



We Give Life-Changing Scholarships

Our Impact...

Since 2009 the Public Education Foundation has given over one thousand scholarships to individuals in more than 300 schools across Australia, valued at more than \$3m.

The Public Education Foundation is committed to helping break the cycle of educational disadvantage and reducing inequality by supporting students and educators in Australia's public education system by providing life-changing scholarships.

In late 2018 the Public Education Foundation sourced Circa to undertake the *Monitoring and Evaluation Framework* for the Public Education Foundation Scholarship program.

An online survey was designed by CIRCA in collaboration with PEF. The survey was distributed and promoted via e-mail and SMS by PEF over a period of 6 weeks between 6 December 2018 and 14 January 2019.

The results, comments and percentages that follow in this report are based on the responses of 251 survey respondents.

What our scholarship recipients say...

Receiving a scholarship made a real difference

>80% agreed

or strongly agreed that their scholarship

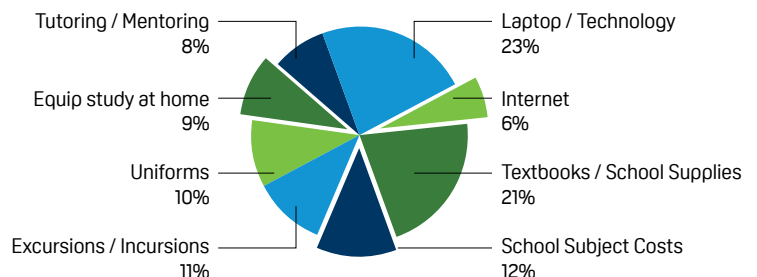
- ✓ Inspired them to work harder and improve their academic results
- ✓ Gave them an increased sense of confidence and pride in their academic potential
- ✓ Relieved some of the financial stress that they and their family were experiencing
- ✓ Gave them the resources needed to reach their academic potential
- ✓ Encouraged them to become a role model or leader for other young people in their communities

Receiving a scholarship is empowering

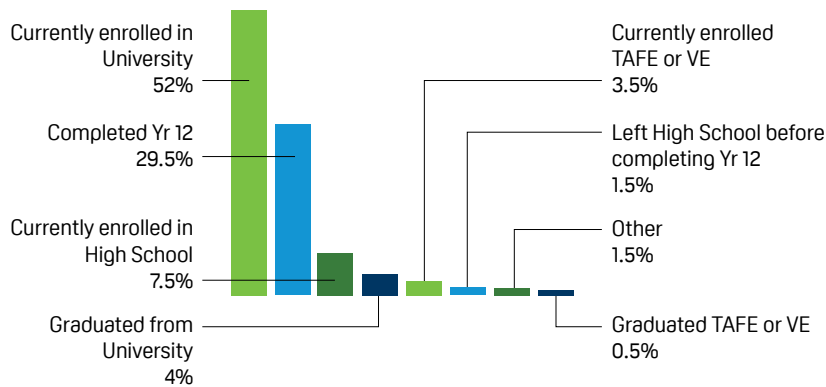


- ✓ Assisted them to overcome disadvantage through the alleviation of financial stress
- ✓ Allowed them to focus on their studies
- ✓ Improved education outcomes
- ✓ Improved overall wellbeing
- ✓ Felt empowered to take on leadership roles
- ✓ Appreciated the opportunity to be exposed to other recipients from diverse backgrounds

Scholarships in action

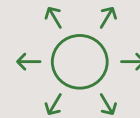


Continuing their education...



> 60% agreed or strongly agreed that their scholarship:

- ✓ gave them more confidence to pursue post-secondary education
- ✓ encouraged them to apply for another scholarship
- ✓ assisted them to get the grades needed to pursue post-secondary education or employment
- ✓ assisted them to participate and feel included in school activities and events
- ✓ assisted them to complete Year 12



What the Public Education Foundation does...

- ✓ Provides both equity and excellence scholarships for students in public education
- ✓ Provides professional learning and leadership scholarships for teachers and principals in public education
- ✓ Provides grant funding for arts programs in schools through the Arts Education Foundation Trust
- ✓ Promotes public education as fundamental to a strong and vibrant society
- ✓ Provides a tax exempt fund for community contributions to public education



Ways to give

- ✓ Make a donation
- ✓ Workplace Giving
- ✓ Fundraising
- ✓ Bequests
- ✓ Volunteering

Or simply add your voice and spread the word about the work of the Public Education Foundation



Our recipients are diverse...

As many as 40 languages and dialects are spoken by our scholarship recipients, including Persia, Nepali, Krio and Mandarin



31%

were the first in their family to complete Year 12 or attend University or TAFE...



96%

say we give life-changing scholarships...



8%

of respondents are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander



54%

of respondents are from Non-English speaking background