



Helena River Steiner School Indigenous Scholarships Statement

Helena River Steiner School is a young and growing school located in the heart of Midland, Western Australia. Scholarships are granted subject to available allocated funds. Scholarships will be awarded following receipt of the applicable application form and a subsequent interview with the parent or guardian, student and Principal, and according to:

- A commitment to the criteria described in the application Agreement
- Commitment to family support of the student's and the School's enrolment expectations of all its families; and
- A willingness of the student to contribute to their own learning and the School community.

Our unique philosophy of education (Steiner Education, also known as Waldorf Education) is an education model that embraces the future, serving the developmental needs of the whole child (head, heart and hands) through a focus on nature, music, art, the spirit world, and a strong emphasis on teaching through story telling.

Our school is proud to offer the Helena River Steiner School Indigenous Scholarship Program, which has been providing tuition fee-free scholarships for Indigenous students since 2019.

We believe in the cultural compatibility of Steiner education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and that our curriculum and philosophies will empower ATSI children's educational engagement and improve their future outcomes; and for all students to learn the social responsibility and advantages of cultural responsibility in our educational environment.

We believe our lives and the school community is enriched in partnership and relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, culture and knowledge.

We acknowledge the cycle of disadvantage that the First Peoples of Australia continue to experience since colonisation.

We acknowledge that we meet and work on Whadjuk Noongar boodja (Country) and wish for our school to be representative of the community in which we work and live.

We are also seeking connections with members of the Noongar community who are interested in sharing a relationship to help shape our school into a community with a strong and living respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

For more information about our Indigenous Scholarships, please contact the Principal at principal@hrss.wa.edu.au or on 9374 0230

Agreement

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This Agreement and the criteria below have been developed aiming to build a trusting and supportive relationship between the school and the family, to maximise the child's academic, social and emotional educational potential in a culturally responsive environment.

Student/s name/s: _____

Parent/guardian name: _____

My child has been offered an Indigenous Scholarship from Helena River Steiner School.

In accepting this Scholarship, I acknowledge and agree that the following criteria must be met for the Scholarship to be maintained and I understand that:

- All criteria are based on the school's existing policies.
- I will be required to participate in a Review Meeting twice a year to discuss how these standards are being met by me and my child (in the case of a High School student, the student will also attend this meeting).
- If any of these standards are not being met consistently, I will meet with the Principal to discuss what is happening and what support or strategies will assist me and my child in meeting the standard/s.
- In the event of the following criteria, which are contained in various of the School's policies, continually not being met can result in the cancellation of the Scholarship at any time, which means that normal tuition fees will be applied to my Fee Statement.

The Criteria

1. I understand my child/children must have an attendance rate of minimum 90% (no more than four (4) days absent from school per term) – unless due to a health condition (Doctor's certificate required) or for cultural reasons (advance notice required).
2. I understand my child/children must be at school before the bell goes at 8.45 am a minimum of 90% of the time (no more than 5 days late per term) as required under State Government legislation.
3. I understand my child/children must abide with the Student Code of Conduct, the Classroom Rules and have a respectful and positive attitude at all times towards staff, school, fellow students, and their work.
4. I understand that my child/children are to arrive at school with healthy homemade lunches that contain fresh vegetables and fresh fruit every day and ideally there are no packaged items.
5. I understand my child/children must have all the items on the Stationery List on the first day of school each year. Any items used up or lost I will replace promptly.
6. I understand I must pay the Building Levy and Materials Levy in total before my child/children starts each year, or be on a payment plan agreed to by the Finance Manager. If on a payment plan, payments must not be defaulted.
7. I understand that to meet my Parent Participation Hours, I or a family member must attend either (a) every Busy Bee the school has (usually twice a year), and/or (b) contribute to the

school in other ways towards my Parent Participation Hours (five hours per semester), otherwise a fee will be charged in lieu. I understand the school values cultural input and involvement and that I (or a family member) could choose to contribute our hours to the school, if possible and where appropriate, by sharing my culture in some way eg, bringing stories, songs, bush tucker, language, games, allowable knowledge, etc to the classes; or accompanying classes on bush walks/excursions.

- 8. I understand I, or a family representative, is expected to attend all Parent Information Nights (usually twice a year).
- 9. I understand my child/children and all Parents/Guardians must abide by all policies of the school.

Primary Carer's Name _____

Relationship to Child _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____