

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student School Fee Offering

Located on the lands of the Dharug and Gundungurra people, Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese (CSPD) has a long and proud tradition of educating young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Today, many local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people are part of the CSPD family. CSPD's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student School Fee Offering recognises both our Catholic values and our commitment to reconciliation. Providing young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians access to a Catholic school education also helps us to build a strong connection to local communities and beyond.

This Offering will commence from 2026 academic year and continue until the end of the 2027 academic year, after which it will be reviewed for extension.

To be eligible for the Offering, an applicant must:

- 1. be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- 2. identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person
- 3. complete the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander School Fee Offering declaration.

The fee types that will be waived under the Offering are:

- School-Based Fees
- Diocesan Fees (Building Levy and Diocesan Tuition Fee)

The Offering will be open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students already enrolled at CSPD schools, as well as new families who wish to enrol. This form should be lodged **prior to the commencement of the school year**.

If you wish to take up this opportunity, please follow the steps below:

- 1. For families whose eligible child is already enrolled at a CSPD school, please move straight to Step 3
- 2. For families who have not yet enrolled their child at a CSPD school, please speak to your preferred CSPD school about the enrolment process. Once enrolled, please follow Steps 3 and 4



- 3. Fill in this Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student School Fee Offering form. Please fill out a separate form for each child.
- 4. Return this form and any other relevant material to the school Principal or enrolment officer
- 5. The school will issue a letter to the parents/carer of the applicant, outlining the acceptance of the student into the offering

Any enrolment enquiries may be made to Catholic School Parramatta Diocese's Enrolments Team by email at enrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au. For assistance with any cultural enquiries, please contact The Jarara Cultural Centre (02) 9840 5672.

Consent	
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Name of Parent/Carer 1	Name of Parent/Carer 2
name) to submit this application	for Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese's student's student's student's student's student's student's student's student school Fee Offering. I have read and state students.
Parent/Carer 1	Parent/Carer 2
Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Date:



## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander School Fee Offering Declaration

First Name of student: Surname of student: Name of Parent or Guardian: Email: Phone:
We understand we are eligible for the CSPD Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander School Fee Offering in accordance with the <u>Terms and Conditions</u> attached. We have read and understood the Terms and Conditions and declare that we meet the eligibility requirements.
Understanding the above definition, I declare that (insert student's name) is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person and is accepted within the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community.
<ul> <li>Include a statement that the above student identifies as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, relevant information about their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander family and details of where their family is from.</li> </ul>

Please provide a **separate copy** of this form **for each child** the discount applies to.

Information obtained from this form will be used to support programs, provide Government funding, and monitor progress towards achieving goals, such as the Closing the Gap targets. This will be done with the involvement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in development, stewardship, analysis and dissemination of data.



School Administration Staff Actions

Principal reviewed and approved the Application;
Letter issued to Parent/Carer;
Consent sent to CSPD Support Team; and
Application and Letter filed.

School Staff Member:
Date: