

# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student School Fee Offering Terms and Conditions

Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese Ltd (**CSPD**) is committed to providing access to education for all students. 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.

As a part of this commitment, we are launching the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student School Fee Offering (the Offering) which seeks to provide discounts on school fees for eligible students. The Offering is a trial program available from 1 January 2026 for all eligible students who are currently enrolled at a CSPD school, and for new students entering a CSPD school for school fees due and payable from Term 1 of 2026.

# SCHOOL FEE OFFERING - TERMS AND CONDITIONS

These Terms and Conditions apply to all parents/ carers (you) receiving a discount on school fees in connection with eligible students who apply for the CSPD Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student School Fee Offering (Offering) at a CSPD School for the 2026 and 2027 academic years.

#### A. Discount Amount

The discount will be applied to the school-based fees and Diocesan fees (Diocesan tuition fee and building levy) as determined and notified by the school (Discount).

#### B. Discount Period

Subject to these Terms and Conditions, the Discount will apply from the Discount commencement date (i.e., the day the school notifies you your child is eligible for a Discount) until the end of the 2027 academic year (**Discount Period**).

At the end of the Discount Period, the school may choose to continue, vary or discontinue the Discount in accordance with these Terms and Conditions. Eligible families will be notified prior to the close of the 2027 academic year.

The Discount will not be applicable to any fees due and payable prior to the Discount Commencement Date of this Offering.

#### C. Eligibility Requirements

The Eligibility Requirements for the Offering are as follows:

- 1. The Discount is only available to new or existing enrolments at CSPD schools.
- 2. To be eligible to receive a Discount, you must:
  - a. be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent;
  - b. identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person
  - c. provide the required proof of eligibility and supporting documentation set out in item D.

#### D. Required Proof of Eligibility and Supporting Documentation

Families who are eligible to receive the Discount must provide a Declaration affirming your child's Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island heritage. This Declaration can be found within the CSPD Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student School Fee Offering Form found here [parra.catholic.edu.au/School-Fee-Offering].

Your Declaration is a binding document demonstrating your knowledge of your child's family history and identification as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. To strengthen your application CSPD encourages you to supply supporting documentation.

#### **Supporting Documentation**

Where possible, the Declaration can be accompanied by supporting documentation, which might be any of the following:

- a. Proof of genealogy, such as your child's birth records or an official family tree; or
- **b.** A letter from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait organisation that recognises your child's identification as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person on the organisation's letterhead; or
- c. A letter from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait person employed in an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander identified position. For instance, an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander School Liaison Officer or Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Community Worker. This must also contain the organisation's letterhead; or
- **d.** A letter from a school that recognises your child as an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander student.

We understand that you may have questions about the Supporting Documentation. Please contact the school for further assistance.

#### E. Right to refuse

If the school determines that your child does not meet the Eligibility Requirements the school may:

- 1. refuse to provide the Discount; or
- 2. discontinue providing the Discount during the Discount Period,

If the school refuses to provide, or discontinues, the Discount in accordance with this item E it will provide reasonable notice to you, including reasons.

#### F. Trial program and requirement for review

The Offering is a trial program aimed at assisting families of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and/or individuals identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander persons in equitable access to education.

The Offering is in a test phase and will be reviewed during the Discount Period.

The review of the Discount in accordance with this item F may result in variation or cancellation of your Discount. A variation may include the continuation of the Offering.

The school will provide 30 days' written notice of any variation or cancellation following this review. Where a Discount is cancelled or varied by the school, you may contact the school to discuss any concerns.

#### G. Enrolment Terms and Conditions

Any fees payable by you under the enrolment application may be varied or waived depending on the amount of the Discount. If any other fees are varied or waived as part of the Discount, the school will confirm this in writing to you.

# H. No redemption or transfer

The Discount applies to a percentage of the school-based fees and Diocesan fees (Diocesan tuition fee and building levy) payable under your child's enrolment contract in the Discount Period. The Discount cannot be redeemed for credit or cash. You cannot transfer your right to the Discount to a third party.

## I. Not to be used in conjunction with other discounts

The Discount provided under the Initiative cannot be used in conjunction with any other discounts offered by the school.

# J. No Retrospective Application of Fee Offering

All applications must be submitted prior to the commencement of a school term. Unless authorised under exceptional circumstances, the Discount will not be applied for fees incurred prior to the submission and approval of your application. Where the Discount is authorised under exceptional circumstances to apply to fees incurred prior to the submission and approval of your application, , the Discount will only be retrospectively applied to the Discount Commencement Period.