PBC SH 2015-2016 QATSIF Scholarship Program

The Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (QATSIF) was created to give Queensland’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families increased educational choices and life opportunities.

QATSIF recognises the vital role that successful completion of schooling and the availability of opportunities through higher education have in building a foundation for employment and a better quality of life.

Under this program, QATSIF will provide two-year scholarship funding to a number of selected secondary schools across Queensland to support students commencing Year 11 in 2015. In this round of applications, schools may also apply for students completing Year 12 in 2015 who may not previously had the opportunity to be considered for a QATSIF Scholarship.

PBC SH acknowledges the source of funding for QATSIF scholarships was created through the toil of previous generations of Indigenous Queenslanders. This capital has been invested by QATSIF's Trustee, the Public Trustee of Queensland, and the annual interest provides an income stream for scholarships and bursaries.

The program operates by providing funds to families through schools who successfully apply for scholarships. The school then use the funds to provide support to the individual students nominated in the school's application across the two years of their QCE studies.

The intention of the program is to increase Indigenous student retention rates in Years 11 and 12. QATSIF funding are applied to individual students and may fund uniform, tuition fees, textbooks, book hire, stationery, VET Fees, some excursions central to curriculum or individual costs of involvement in cultural activities.

Parent/guardian approval must be submitted with the school application. A respected elder/leader will be organised by PBC SH in the Indigenous community to support the application.

Successful QATSIF scholarship recipients will be recognised and celebrated by the school and wider community at the 2014 Term 4 Indigenous Breakfast Award Assembly.

The PBC Business Manager will oversee the administration of the Scholarship Fund.

Eligibility for PBC SH 2014-2015 Scholarship Application

2014 Semester 1 results

Year 10 Achievement: ‘A-C’ grade in Mainstream English and a C or higher in every Year 10 subject. ‘Satisfactory’ grade for Effort and Behaviour and 90% school attendance.

Year 11 Achievement: ‘A-C’ grade in Mainstream English and a C or higher in every Year 11 subject. ‘Satisfactory’ grade for Effort and Behaviour and 90% school attendance.
Evidence that the student:

- is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and born in Queensland or a Queensland resident for the past 3 years.

- currently in Year 10 or Year 11 and is studying the courses and subjects which will ensure that they can receive a Queensland Certificate of Education.

- in an overt or quiet way promotes pride in the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander culture and pride in the school.

- participates fully in the life of the school and is a worthy role model for other students.

- exhibits leadership potential academically, in sport, music or other aspects of school life.