

## Information FACT SHEET



Yalari is a not-for-profit organisation offering secondary education scholarships at leading Australian boarding schools for Indigenous children from regional, rural and remote communities.



### OUR MISSION

To educate and empower Indigenous children from regional, rural and remote communities to bring about generational change.



### OUR VISION

To provide trusted, quality educational opportunities for Indigenous children to achieve positive outcomes for themselves and their families and make a valuable contribution as Australians.



### OUR VALUES

The Yalari values of respect, compassion, resilience, openness and inclusiveness underpin our approach as we focus on doing what we commit to do.

## About Yalari

- ✓ Since 2005, Yalari has been providing Indigenous children with full boarding school scholarships for their entire secondary education.
  - ✓ We believe education is the key to generational change and a brighter future. We are deeply committed to the ongoing success of our national program of scholarships, student support and post-school opportunities.
  - ✓ In 2015, we had 173 students on Yalari scholarships nationally and an Alumni group of 137 studying at universities, working or undertaking further training.
  - ✓ Yalari students participate in all aspects of school life: academic, boarding, sporting, social and extracurricular activities. The scholars are exposed to new ideas, learning experiences and personal development. They grow in their self-belief, confidence and determination, and have the opportunity for further education and employment. All of these aspects further the students' education, empowerment and future prospects.
  - ✓ Yalari's success is largely credited to the key elements and differentiators of our unique model:
    - Choice & opportunity for students and their families encourages their engagement and commitment.
    - Strong relationships and trust are fostered by Yalari, with each student, their family and school, enabling effective connections and communication.
    - One-on-one support is provided through our unique programs and processes including selection, transition, student support and personal development, post-school and alumni
    - Strong partnerships with schools, sponsors, donors and volunteers who share our values and embrace our partnership and support model.
- Positive future change begins with the actions we take today with our children; the Yalari team is determined to see this change happen for our students.**

# Frequently asked QUESTIONS

## WHO STARTED YALARI?

Yalari was founded in 2005 by Indigenous educationalist Waverley Stanley and his wife Llew Mullins.

Waverley grew up in the town of Murgon, 300 kilometres north-west of Brisbane, and attended Murgon State School. It was at this school his Grade 7 teacher, Mrs Rosemary Bishop, recognised Waverley's potential and felt he deserved a chance for a brighter future. Mrs Bishop was instrumental in Waverley gaining a scholarship to attend Toowoomba Grammar School for his high school education. It was this opportunity that started him on the Yalari journey.

## WHO CAN APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

The Rosemary Bishop Indigenous Education Scholarship is available to any Indigenous child from regional, rural and remote communities and towns throughout Australia entering their first year of secondary education. In NSW, VIC, TAS, ACT, WA and QLD the first year of high school will be Year 7 and in SA the first year will be in Year 8. Scholarships are limited to two children per family.

## WHAT MAKES YALARI DIFFERENT?

Yalari focuses on the education and empowerment of each student by offering a holistic and comprehensive level of support. We have a passionate team of professionals throughout Australia who support our students, their families and our partner schools on a daily basis.

## WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

Once applications are received, a selection panel including Waverley Stanley and Student Support staff review the applications and a short list of candidates is identified. An initial interview is conducted in the candidate's own home with their family. Based on the outcome of this interview, a recommendation will be made for the candidate and parents to attend an interview and the selected Yalari partnership school with the Head of School, Principal or Headmaster. Following the school interview and feedback from the school, Yalari will make a decision about whether a scholarship will be awarded. The selection of our students is carefully planned to ensure a good fit between students and schools.



## SCHOLARSHIP INCLUSIONS & COSTS

All Yalari scholarship students will be eligible for a full or part Abstudy allowance. This payment is directed straight to the school and is used to help Yalari cover the tuition and boarding fees at our partner schools. The gap between the Abstudy allowance and the cost of tuition and boarding is made up by Yalari through fundraising, donations, and sponsorship. Applications for the Abstudy allowance should be made by the family through Centrelink after a student has been successful in being awarded a Yalari scholarship.

The Parents/Guardians of the students offered a scholarship who do not qualify for a full Abstudy allowance will be required to contribute either \$2,500 or \$5,000 towards the scholarship each year (determined by the level of Abstudy allowance received). Individual circumstances will be discussed during the application process however payment plans are available.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications for Yalari scholarships close on 30th April for students commencing high school the following year. When you apply for the Rosemary Bishop Indigenous Education Scholarship you will need to include in your application:

- Application form (ALL questions completed).
- Latest school results.
- A reference from school Principal, teachers or a respected member of your community.
- A 250 word hand written response outlining why you think a scholarship should be awarded to you and why you want to go to boarding school.
- A recent photo of the applicant.
- Completed medical form.
- Most recent NAPLAN test results.
- Copy of your birth certificate.

For more information, please contact our dedicated Student Support Team.

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