



Holy Cross
College

Yarndi Bursary

Kindergarten 2026

Each year, the College Advisory Council sponsors the Yarndi Bursary, which covers all fees as per our published fee schedule available on the College website, for the duration of a child's schooling at Holy Cross College from Kindergarten to Year 6.

From the very beginning, Holy Cross College embraced the Aboriginal heritage of the land upon which the school is built. The College is situated in the local area of Coolamon, in the country of the Whadjuk Noongar people, the original custodians of the land. The Coolamon, or 'Yarndi' in the Noongar language, is an Aboriginal word used to describe a vessel traditionally used by women to carry water, fruit and nuts, and to cradle babies. In recognition of this rich heritage the Holy Cross College logo features the Yarndi in the cross-bar of the Cross, the central symbol of Christianity.

To further the College's commitment to our Aboriginal heritage, the College Advisory Council has made provision for the Yarndi Bursary to support the aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who seek a Catholic education where each student is challenged to achieve their personal best. The Bursary aims to recognise academic excellence, sound citizenship, strong leadership and a commitment to schooling. With a Catholic education at Holy Cross College, the College Advisory Council hopes to provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with a springboard into a rewarding and successful career along with a solid foundation for making positive life choices.

Applications are invited from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families who have a passion for learning and life, and who are looking forward to being a part of the Holy Cross Community.

As this is a significant financial commitment, the College Advisory Council has stipulated a number of conditions to which recipients must adhere in order to maintain the Bursary, details of which are listed on the following page.

Completed Application Forms must be submitted to the below address by
4.00pm Friday, 27 June 2025.

**The Principal
Holy Cross College
18 Strathmore Parkway, ELLENBROOK WA 6069**

Eligibility criteria

- Applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Consideration will be given to the financial status of the applicant and their family.
- Families must have a commitment to learning.
- Families are to have a strong desire for a Catholic education.
- Parents and students must support the Catholic ethos and traditions of the College and adhere to all policies and procedures.
- The applicant must be willing to be involved in the College's co-curricular activities.
- The student is to be entering Kindergarten in 2026.

Bursary details and value

The value of the Bursary covers all fees as per our published fee schedule available on the College website, for the duration of a child's schooling at Holy Cross College from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for all other fees including uniforms.

A copy of the current *Schedule of Fees and Charges* is available on request or by visiting the College website:
www.holycross.wa.edu.au

Review process

For each recipient of a Yarndi Bursary, the College Principal, or representative, will undertake an annual review according to the following criteria and make a determination in regard to the continuation of the Bursary.

1. Attendance rate of no less than 90%;
2. Compliance with the College Enrolment Agreement; and
3. A measure of *Good Standing* that includes a commitment to learning, positive behaviour, acceptable participation in the extra-curricular program and faith life of the College, and a work ethic that indicates an attitude of achieving one's personal best.

Parents will receive clear notification if the Bursary is in jeopardy of being forfeited.

Student support

Along with general support provided through the College pastoral care structures that include the Class Teachers, House Representatives, Nurse, Social Worker and College Psychologist, the College employs an Aboriginal Teaching Assistant (ATA). The role of the ATA is to provide specific cultural and language support, learning assistance, and maintain contact with parents, school and the wider Aboriginal community, and the promotion of Aboriginal culture across the school community.

Selection Process

Applications will be considered by a panel consisting of:

- Holy Cross College Principal (or delegate)
- Aboriginal Teaching Assistant
- Principal's Nominee

Families may be required to participate in an interview with the Principal.

The final decision will be made by the College Principal.

Applicant's details

First Name/s:

Family Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Date of Birth:

Religion:

Aboriginal:

Yes No

Torres Strait Islander:

Yes No

Cultural/Language Group:

Eg. Noongar, Yamaji, Wajuk, Yuat

Father's Name:

Father's Occupation:

Father's Telephone:

Email Address:

Mother's Name:

Mother's Occupation:

Mother's Telephone:

Email Address:

Brothers and Sisters

Name

Gender

Age

Sibling 1:

_____ Male Female _____

Sibling 2:

_____ Male Female _____

Sibling 3:

_____ Male Female _____

Sibling 4:

_____ Male Female _____

Applicant's statement

Where it states 'Child Response' – please write down your child's verbal response.

1. What made you choose to apply to attend Holy Cross College? (Parent response)

2. Tell us about your family. (Child response)

3. What are you looking forward to when you start school? (Child response)

4. What does your child like doing outside of school? What are his/her interests?
(hobbies/sports) (Parent response)

5. What are your educational aspirations for your child? (Parent response)

6. Have you any special responsibilities in the community? (Sport, family, church etc)
(Parent response)

7. Do you have any family connections from other regions of Australia? (Parent response)

8. Our College community would like to learn more about Aboriginal Australia. How do you think we can do this and are you able to help in any way? (Parent response)

9. What makes you proud as an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander person? (Child response)

10. Outline your main reasons for seeking a Bursary to Holy Cross College.
(Parent response)

Documentation

The following documents must be attached to this application form:

- Copy of the student's Birth Certificate;
- Parish Priest Reference (if applicable).

Terms and conditions

Along with the information provided in this application form, the following terms and conditions are to apply with regard to application for and acceptance of the Yarndi Bursary:

1. Applicants are to be students qualified to enter the College at Kindergarten;
2. Applicants must be supportive of the Catholic ethos of the College;
3. Applicants are to be demonstrably committed to schooling;
4. Successful application does not include younger siblings in later years. It is to be noted that younger siblings enrolled at the College receive normal family discounts;
5. The Bursary covers the value of all fees as per our published fee schedule available on the College website, for the duration of Kindergarten to Year 6, subject to a satisfactory annual review; and
6. Failure of the successful applicant or his/her parents to adhere to the conditions of enrolment may result in the Bursary being withdrawn.

I understand and agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions for eligibility of the Yarndi Bursary as indicated by my signature below:

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date