

**YOUR  
WILL  
CAN HELP  
CHANGE  
THE NATION**



**“ALL AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN DESERVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS QUALITY SCHOOLING AND DEVELOP THE SKILLS TO FULFIL THEIR POTENTIAL. AIEF IS EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS FAMILIES TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS ABOUT WHERE THEY WANT THEIR CHILDREN TO GO TO SCHOOL, SUPPORTING STUDENTS TO COMPLETE YEAR 12 AND REALISE OUTSTANDING SUCCESS.”**

**ANDREW PENFOLD AM**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS  
EDUCATION FOUNDATION



# YOUR POWER TO EDUCATE

**YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF INDIGENOUS EDUCATION – A FUTURE WHERE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY IS NOT LIMITED BY FINANCIAL RESOURCES, BUT IS INSTEAD PROVIDED TO MEET DEMAND FROM THOSE WHO STEP UP AND SEEK OUT OPPORTUNITY FOR THEMSELVES.**

A gift in your Will, no matter the amount, can make a real difference to the lives of Indigenous children around Australia seeking to change the course of their lives through education.

And while looking after loved ones comes first, a gift in your Will to AIEF is leaving an additional legacy to the nation where removing financial barriers provides greater access to quality education.

**“GOING TO BOARDING SCHOOL,  
MY WORLD JUST REALLY  
OPENED UP. I FELL IN LOVE  
WITH LEARNING AND REALISED  
I WANTED MORE OF THE  
KNOWLEDGE AND MORE OF THE  
POWER THAT EDUCATION COULD  
GIVE ME.”**

**LIBBY COOK-BLACK FROM CAIRNS, QLD**

**PYMBLE LADIES' COLLEGE, CLASS OF 2011**

**TERTIARY SCHOLAR, BACHELOR OF JUSTICE AND BACHELOR OF LAWS,  
QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**



# AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

**THE AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS EDUCATION FOUNDATION MODEL EMPOWERS YOUNG INDIGENOUS PEOPLE TO BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR THE NATION.**

The Australian Indigenous Education Foundation was established in 2008 in response to community demand from Indigenous families who choose to enrol their children in boarding schools.

Bringing together the government and private sector, AIEF provides scholarship funding for Indigenous students to complete Year 12 or tertiary studies, with career support to help them make a successful transition to their chosen fields.

Backed by some of Australia's most influential business and community leaders, AIEF has grown from one scholarship student in 2008 to now having around 450 students on scholarships annually, with a network of over 600 alumni and growing by over 70 graduates each year, from over 400 communities in every state and territory of Australia.

Since inception, AIEF has recorded exceptional outcomes where students have consistently achieved annual retention and Year 12 completion rates above 90%, and for alumni, successful transition to further study or employment over 90% every year.



**“AIEF’S PROGRAMS ARE TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF SO MANY YOUNG INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS. WE’VE BEEN ABLE TO SEE HOW OUR GIFTS OF SUPPORT ARE HELPING STUDENTS AND WE ARE CONTINUALLY INSPIRED BY THEIR STORIES. WE FEEL PRIVILEGED TO BE ABLE TO PLAY A ROLE IN THE PROGRAM AND WANT TO CONTINUE MAKING A DIFFERENCE INTO THE FUTURE.”**

**MALCOLM AND HELEN HOLMES**  
AIEF SUPPORTERS

# YOUR GIFT MEANS SUCCESS

FROM THE MOMENT A STUDENT STARTS ON AN AIEF SCHOLARSHIP, WE MONITOR, ENCOURAGE, AND GUIDE THEM THROUGH THE VARIOUS STAGES OF THEIR EDUCATION.

In the first years at secondary school, support is designed around building relationships and connections so students are aware of the journey ahead of them.

As they progress, more support is provided including career workshops and mentoring; and AIEF is on hand to assist in preparing for life after school.

After high school we support students into further education, the workplace and in any way they need – we are always there.

## AIEF SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS COME FROM EVERY STATE AND TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA



**“GETTING A QUALITY EDUCATION HAS CHANGED MY LIFE IN MANY WAYS. IT IS MY DREAM TO BECOME A TEACHER SO I CAN HELP INDIGENOUS CHILDREN IN THE KIMBERLEY REALISE THEIR POTENTIAL AND ABILITY TO ACHIEVE WHATEVER THEY SET THEIR MINDS TO.”**

**SARAH TREACY FROM BROOME, WA**

LORETO NORMANHURST, CLASS OF 2012

TERTIARY SCHOLAR, BACHELOR OF PRIMARY EDUCATION, MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

# YOUR WILL IS IMPORTANT

## EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE A WILL.

A Will gives you the power to choose how your assets can benefit your loved ones and make a wider impact.

Every Bequest AIEF receives helps us build a more sustainable program to ensure we can educate more Indigenous students.

Making a Will doesn't have to be complicated or expensive, but you should seek the advice of a legal practitioner to clearly set out the way you intend your Estate to be distributed.

It's also important to review your Will every few years to make sure it still reflects your wishes, especially after a change in your circumstances, such as marriage, divorce, the birth of a child or the sale of a property.

If you do have a Will, adding a Codicil can be an easy and simple way of updating an existing Will to incorporate a simple change, including adding a Bequest.

A close-up portrait of Ann Sherry AO, a woman with short, wavy, light brown hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a light green textured blazer over a dark top, a black pearl necklace, and a pearl earring. The background is a blurred cityscape with tall buildings under a bright sky.

“EDUCATION IS CRITICAL TO POSITIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS. SUPPORTING AIEF MEANS I AM GIVING INDIGENOUS STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN AN EDUCATION AND JOIN THE NOW HUNDREDS OF AIEF GRADUATES EMBARKING ON PRODUCTIVE CAREERS.”

**ANN SHERRY AO**  
AIEF AMBASSADOR  
AND SUPPORTER



**“AIEF MADE ME APPRECIATE AND VALUE EDUCATION SO MUCH MORE THAN I EVER IMAGINED. THE OPPORTUNITY HAS MADE ME A STRONGER PERSON AND HAS GREATLY INCREASED MY CONFIDENCE. THERE ARE FIVE OF US WHO HAVE GONE TO BOARDING SCHOOL NOW, ME AND MY SISTER AND THREE OF MY COUSINS. THE TWO LITTEST ONES ARE AT HOME, BUT THEY’LL BE GOING TO BOARDING SCHOOL TOO. I DO THINK WE’VE BEEN ROLE MODELS FOR THE YOUNGER ONES. WE’RE SHOWING THEM WHAT’S POSSIBLE.”**

**NIKITA KEARNEY FROM DARWIN, NT  
ST CATHERINE’S SCHOOL, WAVERLEY, CLASS OF 2017  
BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK/CRIMINOLOGY, UNSW**

**“MY GOAL IS TO CONTINUE  
ADVANCING MYSELF IN MY  
CAREER AND ALSO TO GIVE BACK,  
TO MENTOR YOUNG INDIGENOUS  
PEOPLE SO THAT THEY CAN  
GROW AND BECOME THE LEADERS  
OF THE FUTURE.”**

**MITCHELL HERITAGE  
FROM BRISBANE, QLD  
BACHELOR OF COMMERCE, UNSW  
CLASS OF 2015 AIEF ALUM**

## **WHAT WOULD YOUR BEQUEST SUPPORT?**

**WITH A SECTOR-LEADING LOW  
COST BASE, AIEF IS ABLE TO DIRECT  
MORE OF OUR FUNDING TO WHERE  
IT IS MOST NEEDED.**

Your Bequest to AIEF is an investment in Indigenous success that would help ensure:

- more students get access to a world-class education through our successful Scholarship Program
- the removal of the financial barriers that may prevent Indigenous students who want to pursue their education from doing so
- the delivery of our Pathways Program which provides:
  - career support and mentoring;
  - transition support from school to university, vocational training and employment;
  - connections to support networks;
  - ongoing monitoring and tracking of student or alumni progress.





# IT'S YOUR CHOICE

**YOUR BEQUEST WILL MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE. YOU CAN CHOOSE HOW YOU WISH TO LEAVE YOUR GIFT, INCLUDING:**

## **WHOLE OR PART OF YOUR ESTATE**

You can leave your entire Estate or any part of your Estate to AIEF.

## **A RESIDUAL BEQUEST**

A residual gift to AIEF is a direction to your Executor that, once all specific gifts are distributed to the beneficiaries named in your Will and your debts are paid, the remainder (or proportion of the remainder) of your Estate will be paid to AIEF.

## **A SPECIFIC BEQUEST**

This may include any sum of money, residential or commercial property, or a parcel of shares. You can also nominate AIEF as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or superannuation.

## **GIFT IN SPECIE**

Related to property or shares, this means the gift may be transferred directly to AIEF.

## **LIFE INTEREST**

You may intend to leave a property to AIEF but allow a family member or friend to live in it for a period of time. Once that time has passed, the property would be sold and the proceeds paid to AIEF. This is known as a Life Interest.

Please seek legal and financial advice to ensure that this suits your wishes and circumstances.



**“I BELIEVE STRONGLY IN EDUCATION AND HAVE WITNESSED FIRST-HAND THE DIFFERENCE A GOOD EDUCATION CAN MAKE TO THE LIFE OF AN INDIVIDUAL. IT IS AN HONOUR TO BE PERMITTED THROUGH AIEF TO GIVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF A GOOD EDUCATION TO AN INDIGENOUS STUDENT.”**

**DAVID GONSKI AC**  
AIEF PATRON AND SUPPORTER

## **HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR YOUR LEGAL ADVISOR**

**IN PREPARING YOUR WILL, IT CAN BE USEFUL TO HAVE ON HAND ALL THE CORRECT FULL NAMES AND CONTACT DETAILS OF YOUR CHOSEN BENEFICIARIES.**

In addition, if you are choosing to nominate a charity or charities for a Bequest, it is important to have their full legal name and ABN.

For example, AIEF’s suggested wording for a specific Bequest is as follows:

*I bequeath the sum of [insert the amount in words and figures or name a specific asset] to the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (ABN 13 127 908 187).*

*The receipt of the treasurer, secretary or public officer for the time being of the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation shall be an absolute discharge to my executor.*

# PLEASE LET US KNOW

**ADVISING US IF YOU'RE CONSIDERING, OR HAVE ALREADY CREATED, A BEQUEST TO AIEF IS A GIFT IN ITSELF.**

We understand that you may change your mind at any time, and including AIEF in your Will does not prevent you from changing it in the future if your wishes or circumstances change.

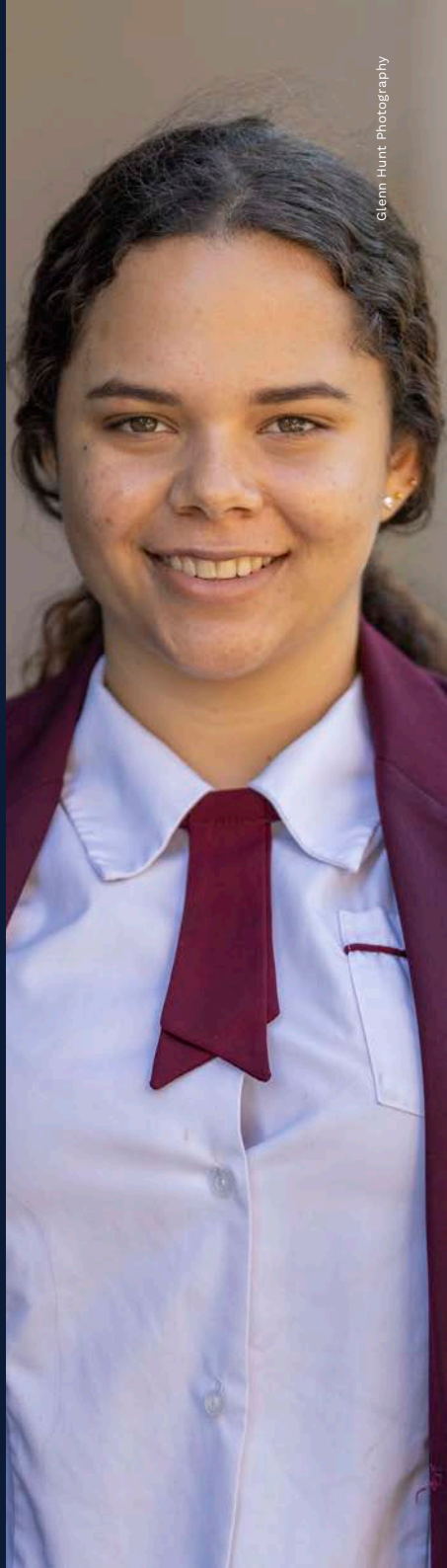
But by talking to us about the possibility of a future Bequest, we would welcome the opportunity to not just share further information but more importantly, to express our gratitude to you for your generous intention.

The form opposite is easily completed and can be returned via mail or email.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us on 02 8373 8000.

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**Please complete this form and return to the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation in the envelope provided or scan and email to [advancement@aief.com.au](mailto:advancement@aief.com.au)**

- I have included a Bequest to AIEF in my Will.
- I prefer not to have my Bequest publicly acknowledged.
- I am considering a Bequest to AIEF – please would you contact me to arrange an appointment for a discussion.

Name:

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Address:

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