




**KOROWAL
SCHOOL**

**Indigenous Student
SCHOLARSHIPS**

2026



We acknowledge and pay
our respects to the Dharug
and Gundungurra people, the
traditional custodians of the land on
which we work and learn, extending
our respect to elders past, present
and emerging.



KOROWAL SCHOOL

EMPOWER, INSPIRE

Why do we exist?

Our Mission

We empower & inspire learners to develop their unique strengths.

What do we do?

Our Vision

Relationships are central to who we are. We connect ideas and people to actively develop learner agency and empathy.

What guides our actions?

Our Values

Care | Curiosity | Challenge |
Creativity | Collaboration

2026 Indigenous Scholarships

Korowal School is a K-12, independent, secular, and co-educational school. Our School name, 'Korowal', is an Aboriginal word meaning 'to stand alone', or 'the strong one'.

Founded in 1978 in Leura, Korowal School was based around a human-centred philosophy. Within this, we consider that all human beings are of equal worth and capable of reason. We believe that each of us possesses a capacity to solve problems for ourselves in order to flourish. We continue to hold these as core principles today and our values are important to us. Korowal wishes to honour our First Nations People through providing access to our education in a small and nurturing environment.

The aspects of education at Korowal which attract many, include:

- Relationship-based teaching and learning
- A focus on creativity in all learning
- Forging deeper connections to Country
- Our Oracy programme which places the child's voice at the centre
- Inclusive programming and curriculum
- Small class sizes
- A beautiful, natural bush setting
- Exciting and varied co-curricular programme in high school

The Scholarship

It is our desire to share our learning environment with the wider community of the Blue Mountains. Through the enrolment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families at Korowal we will enrich the learning environment for all students, staff and families. It is our ideal that we would grow a stronger connection to the culture, spirit and arts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within our learning environment.

Korowal School welcomes applicants who model our school values to apply. We are offering the opportunity for families with children who identify as Indigenous to apply for a scholarship for enrolment in 2026. The duration of the scholarship will be from the year of entry, until the end of that stage of schooling. For example, until the end of primary or the end of secondary. If the student enters in primary school, there is the opportunity to extend the scholarship into high school after review.

Scholarship Criteria

In applying for a scholarship, please consider each of the following:

- How you model Korowal's values of kindness and respect.
- That you identify as an Indigenous Australian.
- That you have a commitment to serving your community.
- That you are willing to work in partnership, with open communication.
- How a Korowal education can make a difference to your life and your community.

Applicants are invited to submit the following parts of the application, each of which will demonstrate how they exemplify the above qualities:

PART 1. Personal Information

PART 2. School records, such as reports and NAPLAN

PART 3. Personal statement (See page 6)

PART 4. A letter of recommendation from an external community member (someone who knows your passions)

PART 5. A letter of recommendation from a teacher who knows you well



LEARNER ATTRIBUTES

Korowal learners:

- Listen and act compassionately
- Communicate confidently
- Seek mastery to grow
- Adventure into the unknown
- Live with integrity and make informed decisions



Application Process

1. **Parts 1-5** are to be submitted via email to scholarships@korowal.nsw.edu.au by **Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 5pm**. We will be reviewing applications as they arrive and may be in contact with you prior to the closing date.
2. Applicants will then be invited to attend an interview with the Scholarship Committee.
3. The applications will be reviewed by the School's Scholarship Committee.
4. Applicants (successful and unsuccessful) will be notified following the interview.
5. The regular enrolment process would then proceed for the successful candidate/s. This includes interviews with the Year Mentor, Stage Advisor, or Class Teacher and completion of all enrolment paperwork, policies and procedures. The receipt of a Korowal Scholarship is dependent on completion and issue of a Letter of Offer of Enrolment.



2026 Indigenous Scholarship Application Form

PART 1. Personal information

Student Details

Full name: _____

Preferred name: _____

Preferred pronoun: She/He/They _____

Date of birth: _____

Home address: _____

Contact email: _____

Contact phone: _____

Present school: _____

Number of years attending current school: _____

School address: _____

Head of school: _____

Previous School: _____

Number of years attending previous school: _____

Previous school address: _____



Family Details

Parent / Guardian 1.

Last Name: _____ Given Name/s: _____

Home Ph: _____ Mobile: _____

Business Phone _____ Email: _____

Level of education: _____

Parent / Guardian 2.

Last Name: _____ Given Name/s: _____

Home Ph: _____ Mobile: _____

Business Phone _____ Email: _____

Level of education: _____

Address Information

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Post Code: _____



PART 2. Enclose relevant school records/reports with this application. *(Current Korowal students do not need to submit records/reports)*

PART 3. Personal statement

To be completed by the applicant. Applicants may type or handwrite.

1. How do you model kindness and respect in your life? Examples might be: looking after elders, showing respect for country, being involved in events e.g. NAIDOC week

2. Tell us a little about yourself and your Country.



3. Please give details on any other special achievements that you would like Korowal School to know about.

4. How would an education at Korowal make a difference to you?

5. What are your aspirations and goals as a student and how would you ensure you achieved success working towards these goals at Korowal School?



6. How did you hear about this scholarship opportunity? Website, social media, word of mouth.

Applicant's statement

I certify that the information given in this application is complete, authentic and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If awarded the scholarship, I agree to comply with any expectations set by Korowal School and to contribute to and support the school to the best of my ability.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____



Please rate the student according to his/her/their demonstration of the following skills and attributes:

	Below average	Average - Above average	Outstanding
Curiosity			
Creativity			
Persistence			
Peer relationships			
Adult relationships			
Respectful behaviour			
Self confidence			

We appreciate your information about this applicant. **Please note: this is a confidential reference.** The letter of recommendation and completed table is therefore to be directly emailed to scholarships@korowal.nsw.edu.au

You may be contacted by Korowal School during the selection process.

Please include your full name:

Professional title or position:

Telephone:

Email Address:

Student's full name:

PART 5: Letter of Recommendation - Teacher

To be completed by a teacher who is most knowledgeable about the applicant's personal qualities.

Please rate the student according to his/her/their demonstration of the following skills and attributes:

	Below average	Average - Above average	Outstanding
Curiosity			
Creativity			
Persistence			
Peer relationships			
Adult relationships			
Respectful behaviour			
Self confidence			

To the applicant's teacher:

We appreciate your information about this applicant. **Please note: this is a confidential reference.** The letter of recommendation and completed table is therefore to be directly emailed to scholarships@korowal.nsw.edu.au

You may be contacted by Korowal School during the selection process.

Please include your full name:

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Student's full name:

Scholarship Application Checklist

To help you with the application process, please use this checklist to ensure that your application is complete. Only complete applications will be considered by the Scholarship Committee.

Your application will be considered complete with the following:

- Fully completed application form with personal and parent details
- School Records (Korowal students do not need to include school records)
- Personal Statement
- *Letter of Recommendation from Community Member
- *Letter of Recommendation from School Teacher

*We will let you know via email once the letters of recommendation have been received.

This form must be completed and returned to Korowal School via email scholarships@korowal.nsw.edu.au or handed in to the School Office Wednesday, 12 March, 2025 at 5pm.

Acknowledgement of Country

Korowal School acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land, the Gundungurra and Darug peoples and their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this region.

More Information

For further information on Korowal School please visit our website www.korowal.nsw.edu.au; email us at scholarships@korowal.nsw.edu.au or call us on 4758 7466.



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