



Scholarship Program

Kindlehill School is currently accepting applications for the Kindlehill Scholarship Program. Two families with children/young people, who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, will be accepted for the start of 2026. Preference will be given to families with children and young people who are in classes where there are currently available places.

Scholarship Criteria

To apply for a scholarship, applicants must fulfil the following criteria:

- The applicants identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Attendance at an interview to ascertain a commitment to the ethos, core values and educational practices of Kindlehill.

The scholarships are offered in the spirit of enrichment and enhancement of the education provided to all the children and young people at Kindlehill, as well as to the school community as a whole. The enrolment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families at Kindlehill will bring a richness to the learning environment and school community.

We anticipate that these key elements of an education at Kindlehill will be of interest to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families:

- Strong storytelling and imaginative approach to learning across all subjects
- Environment and reverence for Mother Earth are a strong stimulus for learning

- Experiential, engaged and practical learning
- Strong creative and performing arts programmes for all children/young people including music, drama, dance, visual arts and craft
- Strong outdoor education programme
- Curriculum is delivered through the lens of global citizenship, valuing the diverse experiences within communities local and broadly
- Strong sense of community and opportunities for family participation in the life of the school
- Evolving curriculum and flexibility in delivery
- Teachers work from a conviction that children are spiritual beings; their task is to guide and nourish the unfolding lives of the children/young people to become positive and contributing members of society
- Beautiful school environment
- A philosophy that recognises that children are not the same at each age and stage of growth; and adjusts teaching and learning activities to support the unfolding development of children/young people.

We hope to maintain and deepen our connection with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities of the Blue Mountains in various ways including through bringing the cultural and artistic expertise of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into the learning environment.



Values Statement

Kindling a Light

Kindlehill is a social deed. Our purpose is to educate children and young people to be powerfully equipped in becoming individuals who contribute to creating a more compassionate and fair society for all.

Guiding Principles

- Our teaching is inspired by an understanding of the human being, ideally including all the stages of individual life development and human evolution; and informed by the pedagogical indications given by Rudolf Steiner and applied in a regional and contemporary setting.
- We strive to bring a life imbued education to every child and young person in our care, and to acknowledge the gift that each individual brings as part of a diverse and respectful community.

- Cultivating the imagination, a sense of beauty and the awakening of artistic feeling across the fields of human endeavour (including the arts), we support children and young people to become creative and resourceful for their lives and the lives of others. As the high school years unfold, added to this development of artistic imagination is the fostering of the young person's efforts towards making active thinking their own, and to developing powers of sound judgment by which they are able to authentically discern whether something is true or not.
- Kindlehill seeks an alignment of values between home and school. Teachers, parents and students are a vibrant community, that supports the flourishing of children and young people – and in doing so, contributes to what is good for all humanity.
- We support a culture of “growth” in which all members of the community see themselves as active, developing and evolving human beings.
- In celebrating together, listening to and respecting each other, and in cooperating and supporting each other; we model for our children and young people, a society based on cooperation, respect and empowerment.
- We support Indigenous Reconciliation and strive to uphold the imperative of justice and equity for indigenous people. We acknowledge the traditional owners whose cultures and customs have nurtured and continue to nurture this land.
- We support children and young people in developing a relationship to nature that engenders freedom, nourishes well-being and cultivates respectful interconnectedness as they live their lives.
- We acknowledge the inter-relationship between the personal, social, environmental and spiritual dimensions to life. We value the integration of respectful, sustainable, celebratory and fair actions in every dimension of our lives, for the good of our planetary being – now and into the future.



Applicants should submit the Expressions of Interest by 20th September 2025.

Applicants will then be invited to attend an interview with the members of the Selection Panel. Once all applications have been considered, all applicants will be notified of the panel's decision by mail by the 24th of October 2025.

Successful applicants will receive an Enrolment Pack and the enrolment process will proceed according to school enrolment policy and procedures.

Families will be invited to contribute to the decisions that impact on their children's transition to and ongoing education at school.

Kindlehill School acknowledges the Gundungurra and Dharug peoples as the traditional custodians to the land on which the school is situated. We pay our respects to elders past and present, and to the continuing evolving culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people both in our region and across Australia.



Expressions of Interest

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Name and Date of Birth of Child/Children:	
Please tell us why you are interested in the scholarship at Kindlehill:	

Please describe the means by which you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander:	
Where possible, please describe your connections to the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community in the Blue Mountains, or the most recent community in which you resided:	

Please return this form to Kindlehill by the 20th of September, 2025.
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