



McARTHUR RIVER MINE  
COMMUNITY BENEFITS TRUST

# Academic Assistance Bursary





## **Purpose**

The Academic Assistance Bursary seeks to provide funding to support secondary school students in Borroloola, Robinson River, Outstations and Town Camps attending school locally or elsewhere to purchase essential IT equipment (computers, laptops, tablets and accompanying supplies) for school.

**Program Objectives**

The Trust is strongly committed to increasing opportunities for young people in the Gulf Region. The Trust funds programs in the following six categories.

1. Enterprise and job creation: Supporting programs that promote employment and local business establishment and development to create a diverse local economy and sustainable job opportunities.
2. Education: Improving literacy, numeracy and commitment to learning from pre-school through to tertiary levels and to support greater pathways between vocational educational training and local employment and business opportunities.
3. Social and community development: Promoting a higher standard of living by addressing issues such as overcrowding in local homes and welfare dependency and by providing services and facilities to foster a positive sense of community and town pride.

4. Environment: Supporting the sustainable development of industries such as ecotourism and fishing, and the protection and preservation of Indigenous country of cultural significance.
5. Health: Improving the health and well-being of the community including action to address drug and alcohol abuse, chronic diseases and provide access to affordable, healthy food.
6. Culture and Art: Supporting the sustainable growth of existing art and culture organisations in a way that promotes generational understanding of Indigenous culture and traditions and the establishment of sustainable culture-based businesses with tourism objectives.

This program supports the Education focus area by ensuring students have access to essential equipment to be able to participate in their schooling.

**Overview**

- One off payment of up to \$1650 per high school student
- Can be used to purchase essential IT equipment (laptop, tablet or similar, and associated insurance)

**Eligibility**

Students must be residents of Borroloola, Robinson River, Outstations or Town Camps and can be attending high school locally or elsewhere (i.e. boarding school). Students can only receive the funding once during their schooling.

The funding can only be used to purchase IT equipment (laptop, tablet or similar), which must be inclusive of the insurance costs.

### **How to apply**

Schools will submit an application to the CBT detailing:

- Number of students requiring assistance
- Names of the students (for record keeping purposes)
- Items to be purchased, including costs (up to \$1650 per student inclusive of insurance)

**Applications due:** October (two weeks prior to November Board meeting – exact date to be advised closer to the time).

An application form is provided.

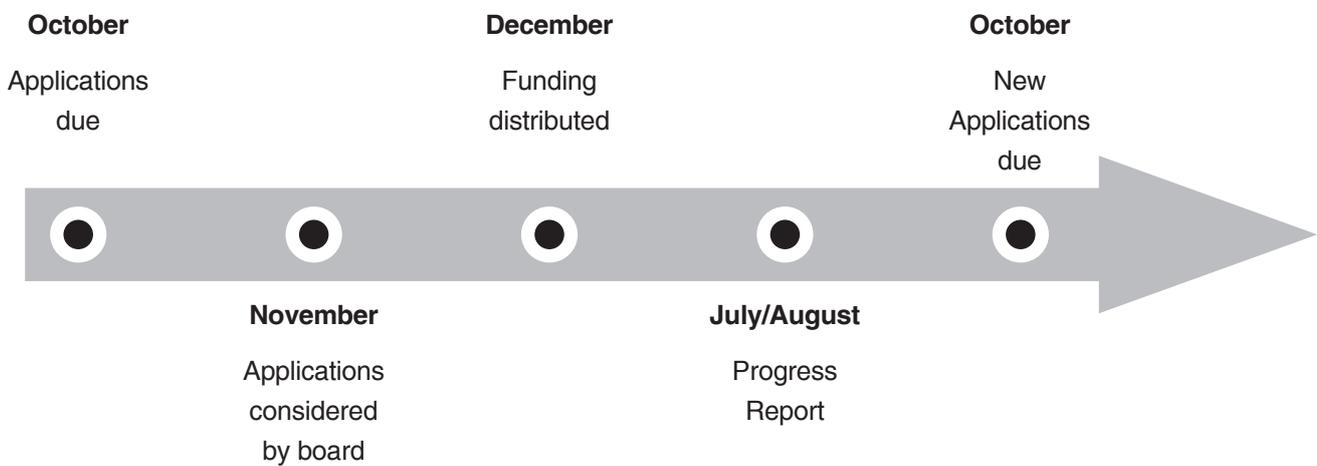
It is up to the school to decide how they will determine which students require assistance. The schools will need to purchase the items and distribute to the students as required.

### **Reporting**

Schools must provide an outcomes report to the CBT in July for the August board meeting, outlining what items were purchased and benefits the purchase of these items has had for the students.

### Timeline

Funding will be distributed in December ahead of the next school term. In certain instances, the CBT will consider applications outside of this timeline.



### Supporting Tools

Attached to these guidelines are:

- Application form template
- Outcomes Report template

### More information

For more information about the Academic Assistance Bursary, contact the CBT Project Officers at [cbt@planc.com.au](mailto:cbt@planc.com.au).

