



**Polly
Farmer**
Follow the Dream

NEWMAN

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Newman Follow the Dream has been providing educational support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the Newman area since 2004. This initiative was developed through a partnership with the Polly Farmer Foundation, BHP, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, Department of Education, and local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members.

The goal of the program is to provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with educational support and other opportunities to lead to them to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to achieve their long-term aspirations such as university entry, apprenticeships, and other career options.

The program caters for students from Year 7 to Year 12. There are limited places available therefore strict commitment criteria apply. These criteria are outlined below. If program obligations can be fulfilled, then an application is strongly encouraged.

Follow the Dream students are provided with tutors to assist with homework, extension work and support for topics being covered in class. The Centre also provides specialist programs in study skills, online learning, computer skills, careers information and guidance, skills such as application writing and interview techniques, university information on courses and scholarships and information regarding health, nutrition and well-being. There are opportunities for students to participate in educational and engaging camps.

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students may apply, with the final selection of students based on the following criteria:

- ✓ Potential to succeed at school [previous reports and teacher feedback]
- ✓ Student's commitment to own education [achievement and initiatives]
- ✓ Regular attendance at school [at least 80%]
- ✓ Family support and commitment to the program
- ✓ Potential to be a positive role model to peers

To be considered for this program, please complete the attached application form and address to **Mrs Debbie Douglass** through the **Front Office of your school**.

If the written application is successful, then the next stage of the application process is an interview with the panel. You will be notified of a time and venue for that interview, and it is an expectation that a parent/guardian accompany the student.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact me.

Mrs Debbie Douglass

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Application Form

1. Personal details:

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Male / Female

Current School: _____ Year Level: _____

Achievements – Academic/Sporting/Art/Other (Please enclose copies of evidence where possible e.g. certificates, reports etc)

Hobbies/Interests:

Out of School Commitments: _____

Education Goal: _____

Career Goals (if known): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

2. Parent/Guardian Support

Please tick the appropriate boxes below to indicate the support you could provide for your student if he/she is selected to participate in the program.

- Make sure she/he attends school each day.
- Show an interest in her/his progress at school and encourage her/him to succeed at school.
- Attend meetings when required.
- Provide a quiet place at home where she/he can do homework and study.
- Allow the Program Coordinator to access the student's school records.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

