



Bidjipidji

school program 2024

Expression of Interest

Please make sure you
complete all required
information.

About the Bidjipidji School Program 2024

The Bidjipidji school program is a fully supervised, five-day program designed to provide First Nations students in years 9 and 10 (years 11 and 12 will be considered on a case-by-case basis) with an opportunity to experience university life at Charles Darwin University (CDU). The program is coordinated by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor First Nations Leadership & Engagement (DVC FNL&E) to promote and encourage positive post school pathways into further education.

During the 2024 Bidjipidji school program, students will be introduced to tertiary studies and meet fellow students from around Darwin. The Bidjipidji program aims to assist students in identifying their paths of interest and identifying the subject prerequisites required for further study in that field. The program will combine expertise from CDU faculties, First Nations Leadership portfolio and industries for an all-round comprehensive and unique experience. Bidjipidji aims to nurture the leadership, growth and development of all participants with a culturally relevant, fun and engaging program of activities.

A visit to CDU's Open Day is scheduled at our Casuarina Campus in Darwin on Saturday, 17th August. Here, participants will be exposed to the vast array of courses delivered by CDU including Technical and Further Education (TAFE) programs and Higher Education courses (bachelor degrees and post-graduate studies).

Who can apply?

Any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student who is in year 9 and 10 living in Darwin is eligible to apply.

Cost

The program runs at no cost to the student. All meals, program expenses and excursions during the program days are provided by CDU.

Dates and location

The 2024 Bidjipidji school program will be held Saturday 17 August to Thursday 22 August, excluding Sunday. This program is based at CDU's Casuarina Campus in Darwin with excursions to other local sites and Campuses (eg. CDU Waterfront and Palmerston).

What's involved?

The program runs for five days and involves an extensive timetable including academic sessions, cultural activities, and excursions. All students who attend the program are required to fully participate in all activities set down in the program. This will involve group presentations, team activities and possibly public speaking – all in a fully supportive environment.

The days are completely full and as such, students are expected to arrive at the Casuarina Campus by 8:15 am. The day will conclude by 4 pm. Transport to and from CDU Casuarina Campus is the responsibility of the participant.

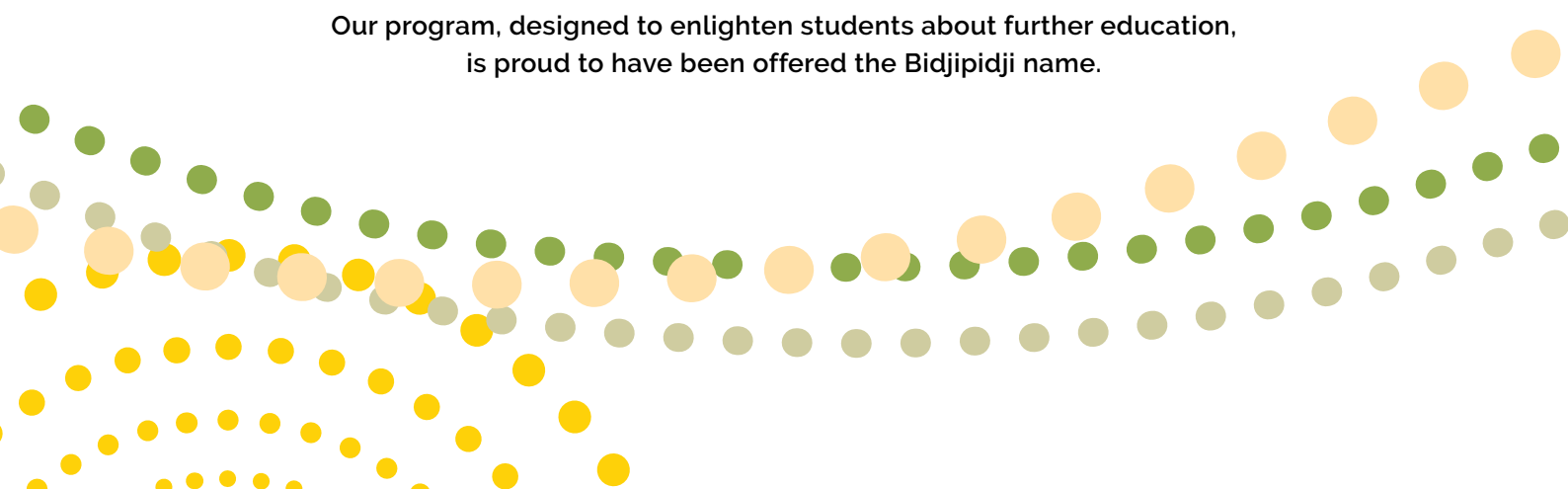
Who else is involved in completing this Expression of Interest?

Students must tell us if they have the support of their families to submit this Expression of Interest. Please tick if you have family support to apply.

There is also a section in this EOI that must be completed by a Referee, who recommends this student for the Program.

Bidjipidji is the Larrakia word for dragonfly, a totem representing illumination and enlightenment and is said to 'bring in the light', so you can 'see' better both physically and spiritually.

Our program, designed to enlighten students about further education, is proud to have been offered the Bidjipidji name.



How to apply

1. Discuss the EOI with your school teacher, principal and parents or carer first.
2. Complete the fillable areas on the PDF EOI form and save,
OR
complete and printout the EOI form included in this PDF document and sign the declaration.
3. Pass the completed document to your parents/ guardians to complete their section and the Talent Release Information.
4. Pass the completed document to your Referee and ask them to complete their section. (Your Referee could also be the person that helped you with the application.
5. Return the completed application, *preferably by email* to CDU, **before the closing date**. (Contact details are on the last page of this document.)

When to apply

EOIs for the Bidjipidji School Program open in May 2024 and close on the 12th July 2024.

Next Steps

CDU will review all EOIs and select students+.

Students will receive notification of whether they are successful or not.

+ Student numbers are limited.

INCOMPLETE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED



Appendix A – Bidjipidji School Program Requirements

The guiding principles for what makes a Bidjipidji student are; one who shows potential for further education, who would benefit from tailored support getting to further education and who is willing and able to commit to the Program requirements below.

Bidjipidji Students

A Bidjipidji student will have the following characteristics:

WILLING – are willing to have a go and who with support, can step outside of their comfort zone

PASSION – show some passion and drive to make a difference to themselves and their community

CURIOS – are curious about life and learning and may see the value of further education

POTENTIAL – show potential for, or would benefit from continued education, including TAFE/University studies.

RESPECT – show respect for other students, CDU staff and the entire Bidjipidji team

TEAM PLAYER – are comfortable with being in a team and can demonstrate team player attributes

Eligibility

To be part of the Bidjipidji program, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a year 9 or 10 student in Darwin
- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Have good school attendance

Your commitment

1. Participation

- Participate in all parts of the Bidjipidji program
- Be prepared to imagine your future and set personal goals
- Participate at your school

2. Progress

- Share your progress with us through school
- Attend school and demonstrate academic progress

3. Communication

- Communicate with the Bidjipidji team post Program – let us know of any changes including moving interstate/overseas or to another school
- Respond to Bidjipidji staff through email, phone calls and messages
- Reach out for help/advice when needed
- Complete surveys and evaluations and provide constructive feedback

4. Values

Be willing to demonstrate CDU Values of:

- Courage
- Kindness
- Openness
- Innovation
- Leadership



1. Student Information

First name:

Last name:

Preferred name:

Current school:

Date of birth:

Year level:

Main contact number:

Do you identify as Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (TSI)?

Aboriginal TSI Both No

Non-Indigenous students are not eligible to attend this program.

Do you identify as:

Female Male Non-binary

Let us know your T-shirt size (S, M, L, XL, XXL etc..)

Your size:

Do you have any special dietary requirements or allergies? (specify)

Will any of these factors apply to you during the Program?

Disability Illness Family/Caring responsibilities _____ (specify)

What languages (other than English) are spoken at home? Do you need help understanding school work in another language?:

Number & street:

Suburb/Town:

Post code:

Student Alternative Contact:

Student email address:

Would you be the first in your family to study at university? Yes No Unsure

What area of study or career are you interested in? What are your favourite subjects at school?

What do you like doing when you are not at school? (Hobbies/interests/sports)

What other programs are you currently participating in?

Team ASPIRE (CDU) Clontarf Polly Farmer Foundation STARS

Other _____ (specify)

Student Declaration

I am of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander descent. I have read and understand the details of the CDU Bidjipidji School Program. I have discussed my EOI with my parents/guardians. I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information on this form is correct and complete.

Signature: Date:

*In administering this EOI, Charles Darwin University (CDU) will need to collect personal information from you. CDU is committed to protecting the privacy and confidentiality of our clients and supporters. CDU supports and is bound by the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000 and the National Privacy Principles. A copy of the National Privacy Principles can be found at <http://www.privacy.gov.au/publications/npps01.html>

2. Parent/Guardian Information

First name:

Last name:

Relationship to applicant: (eg. mother, father, aunt, uncle, grandmother, carer etc.)

Parent/Guardian home or work phone:

Parent/Guardian mobile:

Parent/Guardian email:

Postal address:

Suburb/Town:

Post code:

Have you or your spouse/partner completed (or studying)
an undergraduate university degree (Bachelor course)?

Yes

No?

Parent/Guardian release of information authorisation

I _____ (parent/guardian name), authorise Bidjipidji school program to obtain and release information about my young person, _____ (student name), to and from his/her school and the nominated Bidjipidji school program contact.

- I permit Bidjipidji staff to communicate with school staff regarding my young person's progress and participation in the Bidjipidji school program.
- I understand that this authorisation will extend through the duration of my young person's participation in the Bidjipidji school program.
- I understand that this exchange of information is necessary for my young person to receive adequate support from Bidjipidji school program.

Parent/Guardian's statement of intent/agreement

- I understand that being part of Bidjipidji school program is a commitment and mobile phone contact with my young person during the program will be limited.
- I understand that for my young person to attend the Bidjipidji school program, they must continue a commitment to school and get good attendance, as well as meet program requirements of the Bidjipidji program expectations.
- I will allow my young person to participate in compulsory Bidjipidji school program activities throughout the program.
- I agree to avoid scheduling events, vacations or appointments during the dates and times of Bidjipidji school program events wherever possible
- I understand it is the responsibility of both myself and my young person to notify Bidjipidji school program of any changes to the circumstances of our family and my young person's educational situation. I give permission for CDU to contact my young person directly throughout the program e.g. via email, mobile phone and social media channels.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

3. Talent Release Information

Yes No

I consent to and authorise CDU, and all persons acting with their authority, to use, reproduce, distribute and publish my photograph, images, words, artwork, or video or audio recordings for any purpose, including editorial, trade and advertising.

I agree that CDU may do any of these things using any format, in full or in part and with any form of alteration without restriction.

I release CDU and all persons acting with their authority from any claims or liability relating to CDU's use of my photographs, images, words, artwork, or video or audio recordings.

4. Referee Information

Who's on your team?

We'd like to be introduced to a person who knows you well. It could be someone:

- from your school (eg. your favourite teacher or Aboriginal Education Worker?)
- An adult you connect with, who knows you well from outside of school -(coach, social worker, doctor, pastor, tutor) - **but preferably not a close family member.**

First name:

Last name:

Referee email:

Referee phone:

How do you know this person?

Make sure you let them know that you've put them down as a referee. If you are shortlisted for Bidjipidji camp, we may contact them.

Checklist

Tick all boxes before submitting your application

All student information has been fully completed and you have signed the student declaration

You have completed the section nominating your Referee

You have read all information relating to the CDU Bidjipidji school camp and discussed your application with your parents/guardians, your referee and checked that all sections of the application form are complete

Submitting your application

PREFERRED METHOD VIA EMAIL –

Ask someone from your school to email, or scan and email, your completed application to:

Bidjipidji school program coordinator
bidjipidji@cdu.edu.au

Alternatively, you can submit this application by hand delivery or post to:

Bidjipidji School Program
Att: Barbara Baugh
Building Blue 2 (Gurinbey Centre)
CDU Casuarina Campus, Ellengowan Drive,
Brinkin Northern Territory 0810

Application Process

How do I know if my application has been received?

CDU will not contact you to confirm receipt of your application. You will only be advised if your application is successful or unsuccessful. However, if you wish to confirm that your application has been received, please contact us **prior to the closing date**.

Our office cannot be responsible for applications that arrive after the closing date, go missing in the post, or that fail to send via email.

Application progress

All students will be notified of the result of their application by 19 July 2024.

Questions or enquiries?

Please contact our friendly reception team on 08 8946 6339 or email **bidjipidji@cdu.edu.au**
You can also contact us directly at **barbara.baugh@cdu.edu.au**

EOI DEADLINE – Friday 12 July 2024

INCOMPLETE or LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED