



Bidjipidji

School Program 2025

Expression of Interest

Please make sure you
complete all required
information.

About the Bidjipidji School Program 2025

The Bidjipidji School Program is a supervised program designed to provide First Nations high school or secondary student with an opportunity to experience university life at Charles Darwin University (CDU).

Supervision will be provided by chaperones from participating schools, CDU staff, and Hoops 4 Health staff.

The program promotes and encourages positive post-school pathways into further education.

During the program, students will:

- Be introduced to university and TAFE-level studies
- Participate in hands-on academic and cultural activities
- Learn about requisites for CDU subjects and career opportunities
- Connect with peers from across the Northern Territory

The program brings together CDU faculty experts, First Nations leadership, and local industries to create an engaging, culturally safe, and inspiring experience.

Hoops 4 Health will co-deliver the 2025 Bidjipidji Program and act as the after-hours support provider to complement the daily program conducted by Charles Darwin University.

Who can apply?

Any Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander student in Years 9-12 who lives in the Northern Territory is eligible to apply.

Cost

There is no cost for students. CDU covers all travel, accommodation, meals, and activities.

Dates and location

Program dates:

Tuesday 28 October to Thursday 30 October 2025

Travel days:

Arrival on Monday, 27 October

Departure on Friday, 31 October

Location: CDU Casuarina campus.

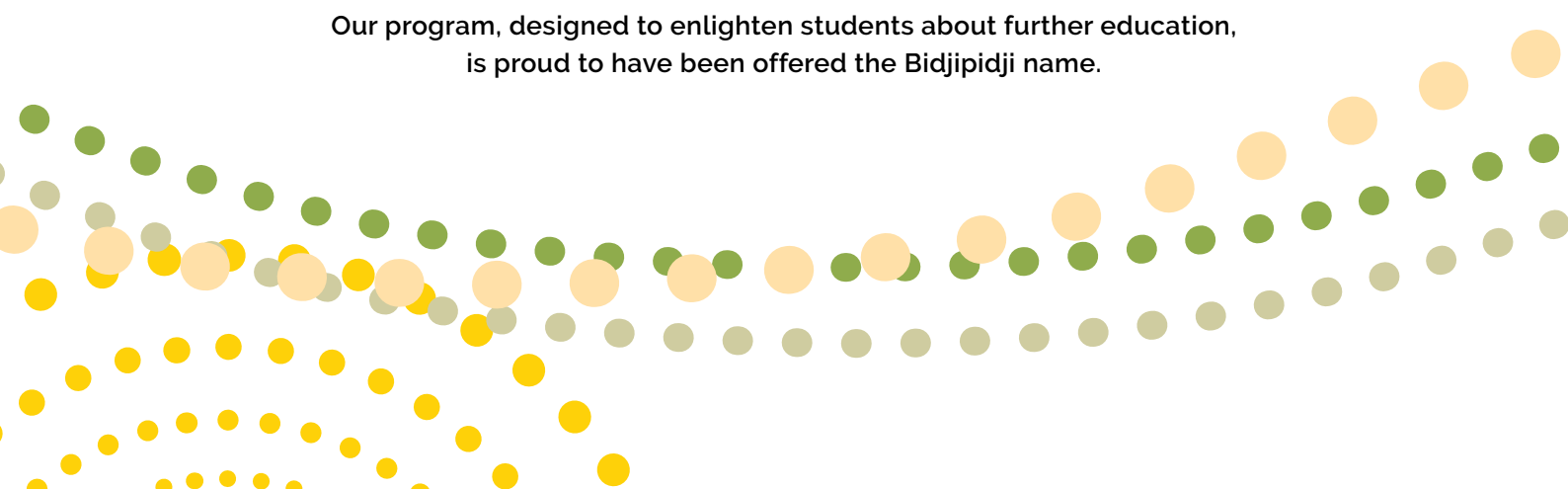
What's involved?

Students will enjoy a three-day immersive experience, including:

- University taster sessions
- Cultural workshops
- Team-building activities
- Excursions and group presentations
- After-hours wellbeing sessions delivered by Hoops 4 Health.

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 this application with your parent/carer and a teacher or school staff member.
2. Complete and upload this EOI (Expression of Interest) form, either the fillable PDF or a scanned/print version, and email back to the Bidjipidji team: bidjipidji@cdu.edu.au.
3. Ask your Referee (e.g., teacher, AIEW, Stars Program Coordinator, Clontarf Program Coordinator, coach, mentor) to complete their section.
4. Attach your latest report card that includes your semester attendance. You should ask your teacher/referee for this, if you don't have a copy
5. Submit the completed form via email before the closing date (see below).

When to apply

Applications open: Tuesday, 15 July 2025

Applications close: Friday, 8 August 2025

Notifications sent by: Monday, 18 August 2025

Please note: This is an expression of interest only and does not guarantee acceptance into the Bidjipidji Program. Spaces are limited, and you will be notified if your application is successful.



Appendix A – Bidjipidji School Program Requirements

A Bidjipidji student is, someone who can show potential for further education, who would benefit from tailored support and seeking to further their education at a university, 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 passion and drive to make a difference to themselves and their community

CURIOUS – are curious about life and learning, and sees the value of further education

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

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

Eligibility

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

- Be a year 9, 10,11, or 12 student in the Northern Territory
- Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Have good school attendance

Your commitment

1. Participation

- Take part in all Bidjipidji activities
- Set personal goals and imagine your future

2. Progress

- Attend school and demonstrate academic progress

3. Communication

- Regularly check your school email for emails from the Bidjipidji team
- Communicate with the Bidjipidji team and let us know if there are any changes, such as moving schools or interstate
- Respond to messages and complete program feedback

4. Values

Be willing to demonstrate CDU Values of:

- Courage
- Kindness
- Openness
- Innovation
- Leadership



1. Student Information

First name:

Last name:

Are you know by any other 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

***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, XXXL etc...)

Your size:

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

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

Disability Illness Family / Caring responsibilities _____ (specify)

Who is your Mob or language group (if known)

What Languages do you speak at home (including English)

Do you or will you need help with your schoolwork (in another language)

Address: Number / Street Name (if known)

Suburb / Community / Town:

Post code:

Provide an alternative contact number:

Your email address:

If you go on to study at University, would you be the first in your family to study there? 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?

Clontarf 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 or my teacher/referee. 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. Teacher/Referee Information

Ask your Teacher/Referee to fill in this part

We'd like to know your student, consider including information about what's important to the student, who are they and what can you tell us about them.

- The Teacher/Referee should be someone who knows the student well. Ideally, this is someone the student connects with both inside and outside of school, for example, a teacher, coach, social worker, doctor, pastor, or tutor. The referee should not be a close family member.
- Please provide a summary explaining why you think the student would be a strong candidate for the program.

First name:

Last name:

Teacher/Referee email:

Teacher/Referee phone:

Teacher/Referee school:

How do you know this person?

Write a short summary of why you think the student is a good candidate for the Bidjipidji Program

3. Talent Release Information

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 whole 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.

Yes No

Parent/Guardian Declaration

The young person is of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander descent. I have read and understand the details of the CDU Bidjipidji School Program. I consent to the above declarations included in the Talent Release Information.

Signature: Date:

Relationship to Student (i.e. Guardian / Parent)

Email:

Main contact number:

Checklist

Please ensure the following items are completed **before submitting your application:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Declaration is filled out and signed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Teacher/Referee Information is completed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent/Guardian has signed the Talent Release Form
<input type="checkbox"/>	Latest School Report , including attendance, is attached

Submitting your application

PREFERRED METHOD VIA EMAIL –

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

bidjipidji@cdu.edu.au

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**.

Application progress

All students and their referees will be notified of the result of their application by the week of 18 August 2025.

Questions or enquiries?

Please contact our team on 08 8946 6479 or email **bidjipidji@cdu.edu.au**

EOI DEADLINE – Friday 8 August 2025