

Helping Bush Kids With Educational Opportunities

Since 1965, BCEF has supported over 3,000 economically disadvantaged students living in remote and isolated areas of NSW gain access to educational opportunities and help them to achieve their career goals, crucial for retaining both talent and skills in the bush. Equating to \$3 million in funding for Scholarships, Rural Boarding & Hostel Bursaries.

SNAPSHOT



56

Secondary School
Students

Provided **\$102,500** Secondary Rural Boarding Bursary support at 13 schools

38

Families

Assisted 38 families with Secondary School Boarding Fees

100%

Secondary Education
Continuation Rate

All students receiving BCEF Boarding Bursary successfully completed their education year.

200%

Secondary Rural
Boarding Applications

Applications have increased over 200% in the past four years.

8

Tertiary University
Students

Provided **\$110,200** CSU University Scholarships to 8 students for technology & study supplies

100%

Tertiary Education
Continuation Rate

All students receiving BCEF Scholarships have continued to their next year of study

86%

Donations

Go directly to students via Secondary Boarding Bursaries or Tertiary Scholarships

OUR MOTIVATION

"I would like to say a massive thank you for my wonderful scholarship. The money is utilised to meet a range of expenses, mostly accommodation. I am forever grateful as it means that students from rural areas are able to afford to live away from home and attend University."

"We are still in recovering mode following on from the flooding and financially are slowly getting ahead, however the payment from you helps immensely not only in a financial sense but also it helps us mentally knowing that we can keep Kate boarding especially during the lead up to final HSC exams and reducing the stress within the household generally."

"Please pass on our wholehearted thanks, as living rural does provide a challenge for our kids to be involved in things large town and city children have access to, but extra support allows for this gap to be filled somewhat. We feel very grateful to be a part of this community."

"Not all kids are sporty or academic - mine like cattle and thank you for your support so my kids can participate and excel in their passion - you can see it on their faces. Country kids doing country things!"

"Thank you for the assistance we have received, it has provided our children the opportunity to thrive, & pursue their interests as well as stability in their education."

"Being at boarding school has given me the opportunity to get to know other people from around the state instead of just the neighbours if I was at home. As I am not sure what I want to do after school I'm staying all the way through to year 12 as then I have more of an option as to what to do after school. I do have a bit of an idea that whatever I do though will be in a trade, agriculture or the equine area."

