

**Special points of interest:**

- No of Primary and Secondary Schools where students have been assisted
- No of students assisted in 2004 round of applications
- Monies requested and amounts distributed
- Catholic Education Statistics and the Foundation

## 2004 Applications are now closed!

The acceptance of applications for 2004 from Victorian Indigenous students in independent educational institutions closed on 2 April 2004.

All applications that fitted into the criteria for application were able to be assisted, although not to the total amount requested. Just under 50% of the amount requested was able to be distributed. It is vital that the Foundation grow in its capital assets to allow for that percentage to be lifted in the future.

The amount of assistance requested was \$117,386.44 and a total of \$60,052.21 was distributed.

210 Students from 23 Secondary Schools and 34 Primary schools spread throughout Victoria were assisted in 2004. This represents an approximate 98% increase from 2003. (120 students)

40% of students were from the Sandhurst Diocese, 21% from Sale and 23% from Ballarat and 16% from the Melbourne Archdiocese.

According to the CEO 2004 Statistics, the Foundation is supporting 43% of the enrolled Indigenous students in Catholic schools in Victoria. Breaking that figure down - The Foundation is supporting 18% of the students enrolled in the Melbourne Archdiocese, 44% in the Ballarat Diocese, 60% in the Sandhurst Diocese and 64% in the Sale Diocese.



James and Cameron hard at work!

### Partnerships with Schools

Partnerships are being established with schools with a high percentage of Koorie students and specific needs are being identified for that school. For example: book list or uniform support.

Different schools have different methods of assisting students within their own school and so it is vital that the Foundation finds the appropriate areas where assistance is required.

The Catholic Education Office of Victoria will work in partnership with the Foundation to encourage schools across Victoria to include the Foundation in their fundraising activities, specifically targeting Reconciliation Week in 2005.