

Special points of interest:

- No of Primary and Secondary Schools where students have been assisted
- No of students assisted in 2005 round of applications
- Funds distributed
- Distribution of assistance in Victorian Dioceses
- Reconciliation Week 2005

2005 Applications are now closed!

On 1 April 2005 the second round of applications from Indigenous students enrolled in independent educational institutions in Victoria was completed. A total of 245 students were assisted with educational grants. This was an increase of 35 students from 2004.

All applications that met the criteria were able to be assisted, however, once again, not to the total amount requested. Approximately \$99,000 was distributed in response to requests of approximately \$170,000.

The students came from 46 primary schools and 29 secondary schools spread throughout Victoria. It is interesting to note that the number of schools has increased this year. 12 more Primary Schools and 6 extra Secondary Schools.

YEAR 7

HERE I COME!!



Grant, eager to move to Secondary School!

These students are represented across the four dioceses of Victoria: 28% from Ballarat Diocese, 18.3% from Melbourne Archdiocese, 39.5% from Sandhurst and 14.2% from Sale.

According to 2005 Catholic Education Office statistics the Foundation is assisting 48% of the enrolled students across Victoria. This is a slight (5%) increase on 2004.

Diocese by diocese this percentage represents : 26% of students enrolled in Melbourne Archdiocese, 61% of the students in Sandhurst Diocese, 57% of the students in Sale Diocese and 56% of the students in Ballarat Diocese.

Clearly, the hope of the Foundation is to continue to lift these percentages.

Reconciliation Week 2005

Opening the Doors Foundation is able to offer to schools, via the facility of its web page,

(www.openingthedoors.org.au)

Resources for conducting activities during Reconciliation Week and to assist with fundraising activities throughout the school year.

The Catholic Education Office of Melbourne, through its Indigenous Unit, is also encouraging schools to participate in Reconciliation Week and to access the Opening the Doors website and utilize the resources it contains.

By lifting the profile of the Foundation in this way it not only enhances the school environment but

in its endeavours to continue to raise the funds required to meet the ever increasing demand for educational assistance.