

Bidjipidji

school camp

Application form

You'll find our application form
in here. There are 4 sections.
Make sure you complete them all.



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About the Bidjipidji School Camp Program 2021

The Bidjipidji school camp is a fully supervised, four-night residential program designed to provide Indigenous students in years 10, 11 and 12 with an opportunity to experience university life at Charles Darwin University (CDU). The program is coordinated by the Office of Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Leadership and Regional Outreach (OPVCILRO) to promote and encourage positive post school pathways into further education.

During the 2021 Bidjipidji school camp, students will be introduced to tertiary studies and meet fellow students from around the Northern Territory. 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 the colleges, Indigenous Leadership portfolio and industries for an all-round comprehensive and unique experience. The program 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 Murrumbidgee Stadium in Darwin on Sunday 29th August. Here, participants will be exposed to the vast array of courses delivered by CDU including Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs and Higher Education courses (bachelor degrees and post-graduate studies).

The final day of the program is dedicated to exploring the VET courses which are available at our three campuses; Darwin, Palmerston, and Alice Springs. Students will participate in VET tasters at their nearest campus centre to home.

Who can apply?

Any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student who is in year 10, 11 or 12 and living within the Northern Territory is eligible to apply.

Cost

The program runs at no cost to the student. CDU will arrange travel for students from Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs to our Casuarina campus in Darwin. All accommodation, meals and transport are provided for the duration of the program.

Dates and location

The 2021 Bidjipidji school camp is held Saturday 28 August to Wednesday 01 September 2021 inclusive. This program is held primarily on CDU's Casuarina Campus in Darwin with excursions to other local sites.

What's involved?

The program runs for five days (including travel days) and four nights and involves an extensive timetable including academic sessions, cultural activities, excursions and night activities. All students who attend the camp are expected to fully participate in all activities set down in the program. This will involve group presentations, team activities and possibly public speaking.

The days are completely full and as such, students are expected to be up at 7.30am and back in their rooms with lights out, at 10pm each night.

Who else is involved in the application?

Apart from the student section and the parent/guardian consent, there is a section of the application that must be completed by a Referee. This is to ensure that students have an extra layer of support in applying and participating in 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

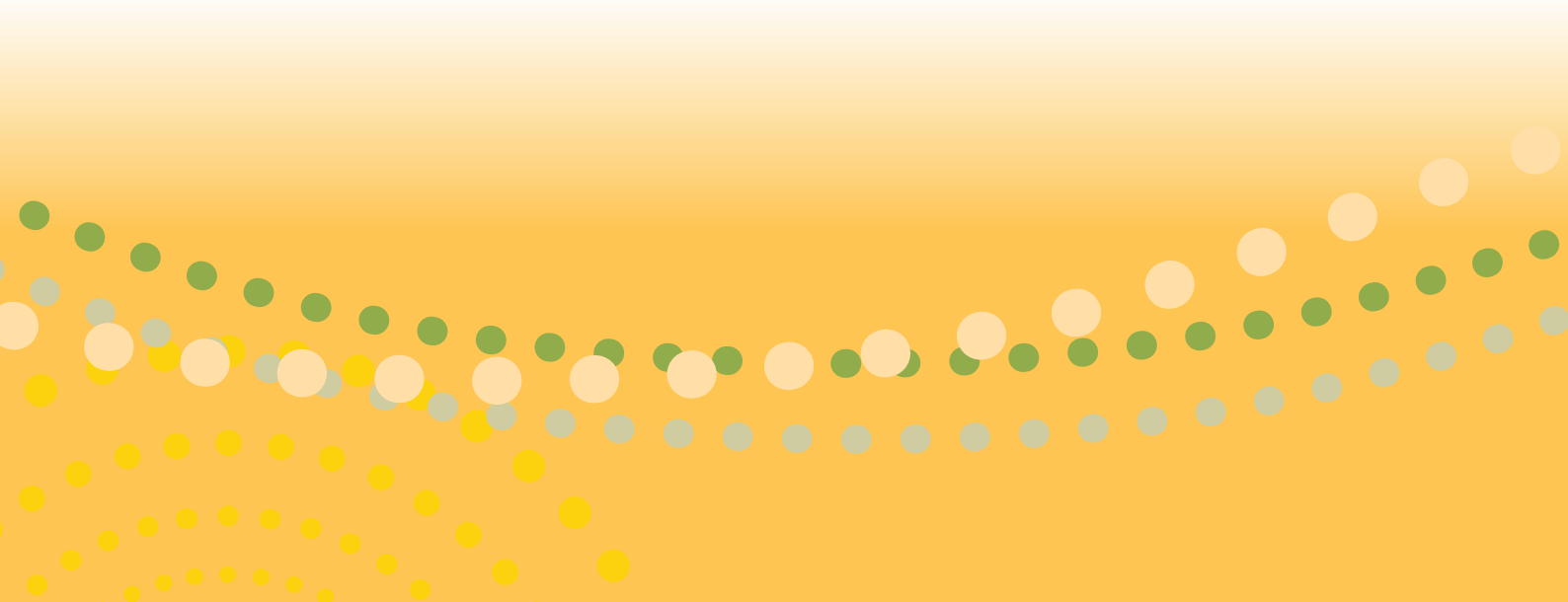
1. Discuss the application with your school teacher, principal and parents first.
2. Complete the fillable areas on the PDF application form and save,
OR
complete and printout the application form included in this PDF document and sign the declaration.
3. Ensure your parent or guardian signs the declaration section.
4. Return the 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

For the 2021 Bidjipidji school camp, applications open on 25 May 2021 and close on 25 June 2021.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

(Late applications may be accepted by special request, until 23 July).



1. Student Information

First name:

Last Name:

Preferred name:

Current school:

Date of birth:

Year level:

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

Do you identify as

☐ Aboriginal

☐ TSI

☐ Female

☐ Male

☐ Both

☐ No

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

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

Your size:

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

Identify factors applying to you:

☐ Disability

☐ Illness

☐ Family/Caring responsibilities

(specify)

What languages (other than English) are spoken at home?

Postal address:

Suburb/Town:

Post code:

Student home phone:

Student mobile:

Student email address:

Would you be the first in your family to study at university?

☐ Yes

☐ No?

What other programs are you currently participating in?

Team ASPIRE (CDU)

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 program and have discussed my application 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 the Bidjipidji application, 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. Student Statement

We are passionate about hearing and celebrating stories of young people and would like to know more about you. Please take your time filling out this section – just be yourself.

You are welcome to submit these via video OR in writing, but you need to cover all questions through your response.

Video Response

- Please keep video responses to 2-3 minutes maximum
- Can be submitted as an attachment on your email application

Written Response

- Write approximately 300 words per question (Q4 can be shorter)
- Write full sentences
- If you need extra space, please add paper in appendix

1. Share your story with us!

For example, where are you from and what makes you unique? What do you dream of doing in the future? What is something you are proud of?

[illegible]

2. Student Statement

2. What do you know?

Bidjipidji school camp believes learning can happen everywhere, not only in school. What are some things you have learnt outside of school? What are your hobbies, jobs, sports, favorite subjects, community groups, volunteering or what do you learn from your community?

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2. Student Statement

3. Why do you want to join the Bidjipidji school camp?

How can attending the Bidjipidji school camp help you reach your goals? How will the camp program support your education? What excites you about joining the Bidjipidji school camp?

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4. Can you imagine yourself studying at CDU?

Does anyone you know study here? Let us know if there's anything you'd really like to study here.

[illegible]

3. 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 camp to obtain and release information about my young person, _____ (student name), to and from his/her school and the nominated Bidjipidji school camp contact.

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

Parent/Guardian's statement of intent/agreement

- I understand that being part of Bidjipidji school camp is a commitment and mobile phone contact with my young person will be limited.
- I understand that for my young person to attend the Bidjipidji school camp, they must continue a commitment to school and get good attendance, as well as meet camp requirements of the Bidjipidji program expectations.
- I will allow my young person to participate in compulsory Bidjipidji school camp activities throughout the program.
- I agree to avoid scheduling events, vacations or appointments during the dates and times of Bidjipidji school camp events wherever possible.
- I understand it is the responsibility of both myself and my young person to notify Bidjipidji school camp 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

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.

Appendix A – Bidjipidji School Camp Requirements

The guiding principle for what makes a Bidjipidji student is, one who shows potential for or would benefit from support getting to further education.

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

CURIOUS – 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 university

RESPECT – show respect for other students and the Bidjipidji team

TEAM PLAYER - are comfortable with being in a team and can demonstrate team player values/attributes

Eligibility

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

- Be a senior secondary student in the NT
- 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 – attend and do your best

2. Progress

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

3. Communication

- Communicate with the Bidjipidji team – 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/evaluations



Checklist

Tick all boxes before submitting your application

All student questions have been fully completed and you have signed the student declaration	<input type="checkbox"/>
The parent/guardian declaration is fully completed and has been signed by your parent/guardian	<input type="checkbox"/>
You have completed the section nominating your Referee	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>

Submitting your application

PREFERRED METHOD VIA EMAIL –

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

Bidjipidji school camp coordinator
OPVCIL@cdu.edu.au

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

Bidjipidji School Camp
Att: Emma Fowler-Thomason
Building Blue 2 (Gurinbey Centre)
CDU Casuarina Campus, Ellengowan Drive,
Brinkin Northern Territory 08111

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 30 July 2021.

Questions or enquiries?

Please contact our friendly reception team on 08 8946 6339 or email OPVCIL@cdu.edu.au
You can also contact our coordinator directly at emma.fowler-thomason@cdu.edu.au

APPLICATION DEADLINE – FRIDAY 25 June 2021

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