

22 April 2022

Dear Principals and Regional Managers

RE: Bidjipidji Camp 2022, First Nations Student University Taster Program, Charles Darwin University.

I am delighted to share with you that the highly successful Bidjipidji School Camp, specifically tailored for First Nations senior school students, will be returning this year.

Coordinated by the portfolio of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor First Nations Leadership, applications for this fully funded and supervised camp are now open. Please see the 2022 Application Form, attached.

Successful applicants currently in years 10, 11 and 12 from across the NT will be offered a place to travel to the Darwin-based program which is designed to create a positive university experience and remove potential barriers to further education. The program will run over 5 nights and 6 days, inclusive of travel.

Camp Dates	Arrive: Saturday 27 August Depart: Thursday 01 September
Locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CDU Casuarina, Waterfront and Palmerston campuses• Other Darwin sites as per schedule
Accommodation (Girls and Boys Separate)	Final accommodation arrangements are currently being confirmed. Overnight accommodation will be fully supervised by CDU staff.
Applications	Open: Tuesday 26 April 2022 Close: Friday 10 June 2022
Costs	There are no costs to students associated with this program

This camp is ideal for First Nations students needing an opportunity to contemplate and experience what life at university might look like for them. They will attend the CDU Open Day and participate in a wide range of informative, fun and engaging activities over five days. Along with presentations by College staff in various disciplines, our program includes sessions on identity, confidence building and career pathways.

All student travel (from Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Tiwi Islands, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs to Darwin), accommodation, program and meal costs are covered by the program. Students will be supervised by specially trained mentors.

We are also pleased to share with you the results from the 2021 Bidjipidji School Camp in an evaluation report and a video link to last year's camp, see attached.

Let our experienced team provide you with more information about this program; please contact Emma Fowler-Thomason on emma.fowler-thomason@cdu.edu.au or 0423 973 917 for more information.

Yours sincerely



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