



# Bidjipidji school camp

## Expression of Interest

Please make sure you  
complete all required  
information.

# About the Bidjipidji School Camp Program 2023

The Bidjipidji school camp is a fully supervised, five-night residential program designed to provide First Nations students in year 10 (years 11 and 12 will be considered on a case-by-case basis) with an opportunity to experience university life at Charles Darwin University (CDU). The program is coordinated by the directorate of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor First Nations Leadership (DVCFNL) to promote and encourage positive post school pathways into further education.

During the 2023 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 faculties, First Nations 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 our Casuarina Campus in Darwin on Saturday, 19th 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).

## Who can apply?

Any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander who is in year 10 and living in a regional or remote community 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 East Arnhem, Tiwi, Katherine and Central Australia to our Casuarina campus in Darwin. All accommodation, meals and transport are provided for the duration of the program.

## Dates and location

The 2023 Bidjipidji school camp is held Friday 18 August to Wednesday 23 August inclusive of travel days. 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 six days (including travel days) and five nights and involves an extensive timetable including academic sessions, cultural activities, excursions and night activities, including chill out time. 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.

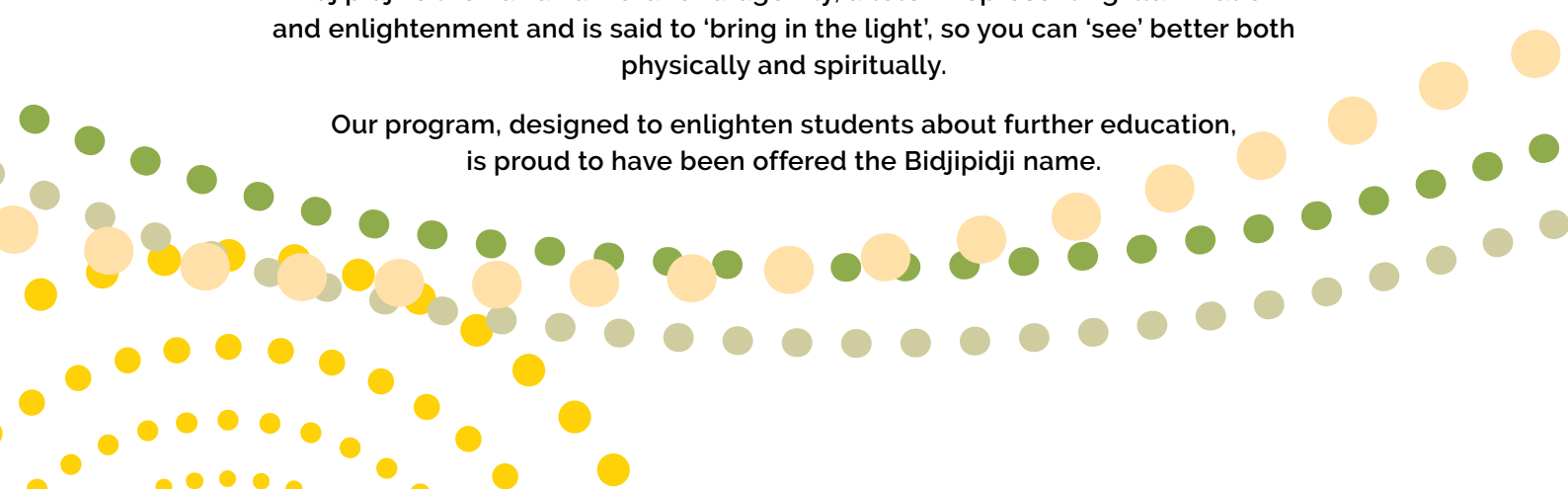
## Who else is involved in completing this Expression of Interest?

Students must tell us if they have the support of their families to submit this Expression of Interest. ☐ Please tick if you have family support to apply..

There is also a section on the EOI that must be completed by a referee.

**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 EOI with your school teacher, principal and parents or carer first.
2. Complete the fillable areas on the PDF EOI form and save,  
OR  
complete and printout the EOI form included in this PDF document and sign the declaration.
3. 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).

4. 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

EOIs for the Bidjipidji School Camp open on 1 March 2023 and close on 31 May 2023. Final consent forms will be sent to families or carers after the EOIs have been reviewed and students are offered a place in the camp. (Numbers are limited)..

## INCOMPLETE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

*(Late applications may be accepted by special request).*



# 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

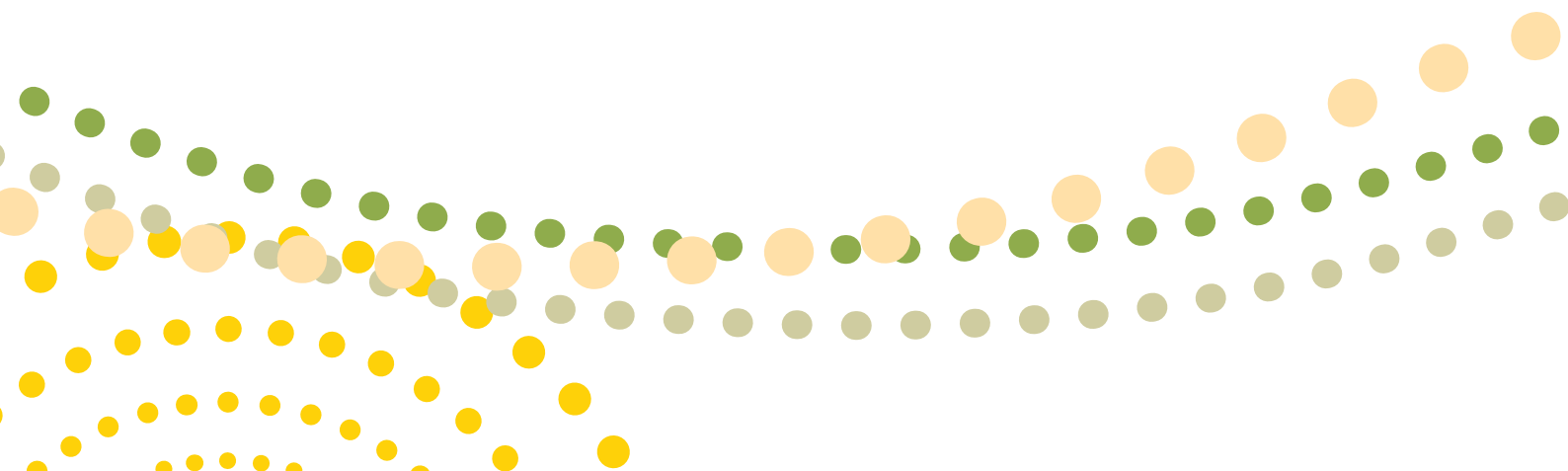
- Share your progress with us through school
- Attend school and demonstrate academic progress

### 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

### 4. Values

- Courage
- Kindness
- Openness
- Innovation
- Leadership



# 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)?

☐ Aboriginal

☐ TSI

☐ Both

☐ No

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

Do you identify as

☐ Female

☐ Male

☐ Non-binary

Let us know your T-shirt size ( S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL 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? Do you need help understanding school work in another language?

Number & street:

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?

☐ Unsure

What area of study or career are you interested in? What are your favourite subjects at school?

What do you like doing when you are not at school? (*Hobbies/interests*)

What other programs are you currently participating in?

☐ Team ASPIRE (CDU)

☐ Clontarf

☐ Polly Farmer Foundation

☐ 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 EOI 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 EOI, 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. 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.**

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First name:

Last Name:

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Referee email:

Referee phone:

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How do you know this person?

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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.

# Checklist

## Tick all boxes before submitting your application

All student information has been fully completed and you have signed the student declaration

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You have completed the section nominating your Referee

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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

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## 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  
**FirstNationsLeadership@cdu.edu.au**

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

Bidjipidji School Camp  
Att: Janette Collins  
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 23 June 2023.

### Questions or enquiries?

Please contact our friendly reception team on 08 8946 6339 or email [FirstNationsLeadership@cdu.edu.au](mailto:FirstNationsLeadership@cdu.edu.au)  
You can also contact us directly at [janette.collins@cdu.edu.au](mailto:janette.collins@cdu.edu.au)

**EOI DEADLINE – Wednesday 31 May 2023**

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