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Dear Principals and Regional Managers

RE: Bidjipidji School Camp 2023, 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 return for a third year, now as a fixture of our annual program.

Coordinated by the directorate of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor First Nations Leadership and Engagement, we are now seeking expressions of interests from year 10 students to attend this fully funded and supervised camp. Please see the 2023 Expression of Interest Form, attached.

Successful applicants 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. (Students in years 11 and 12 will be considered on a case-by-case basis, providing they have not attended the camp previously). The program will run over 5 nights and 6 days, inclusive of travel.

Camp Dates	Arrive: Friday 18 August Depart: Wednesday 23 August
Locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CDU Casuarina, Waterfront and Palmerston campuses• Other Darwin sites as per schedule
Accommodation (Girls and Boys Separate)	Secure overnight accommodation will be provided and fully supervised by CDU staff.
Applications	Open: Wednesday 1 March Close: Wednesday 31 May
Costs	There are no costs to students associated with this program

This camp is ideal for First Nations students needing an opportunity to consider 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 Faculty staff in various disciplines, our program includes sessions on identity, leadership, confidence building and career pathways.

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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 and staff.

We are also pleased to share with you a video from the 2022 Bidjipidji School Camp, see attached.

Let our experienced team provide you with more information about this program; please contact Janette Collins at janette.collins@cdu.edu.au or 0412 215 818 for more information.

Yours sincerely



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