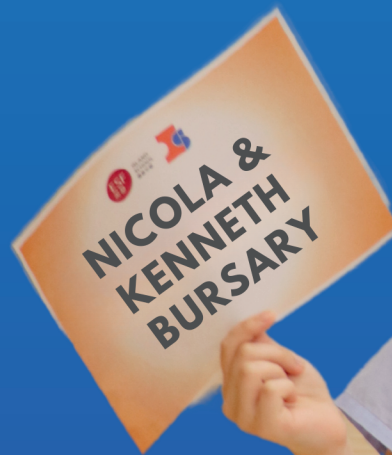


THE NICOLA & KENNETH BURSARY



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ABOUT US

The Nicola and Kenneth Bursary fund is part of the Island School Trust, a registered charity. Island School is an international school that for decades has been supporting secondary school children from low income or no income families. The Island School community believes in the importance of education and we are committed to learning-equity and to empowering others within Hong Kong.

Our History

The Nicola and Kenneth Bursary fund was founded in memory of two Island School students Nicola Myers and Kenneth McBride who tragically lost their lives in 1985. Following their death, the Island School community came together to honour their memory. The Island School community decided they wanted to have a positive impact on Hong Kong's society. For over 35 years the Nicola and Kenneth Bursary fund (formerly known as the Nicola Myers and Kenneth McBride Fund) has been awarding secondary school students with a bursary to support their education.



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HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR OVER 35 YEARS.

How it Works

Education and community are the foundations for all the activities associated with the charity. In January each year principals from Hong Kong secondary schools write to Island School to introduce their students. They describe driven and committed students who want to achieve their goals but need support.

Approximately 60 bursaries of \$3000 are awarded to students each year. In their letters principals describe students who might be studying, caring for a relative and working part-time to support their families. Other students might live in a care home and have no family members to support them. Some young people might live with a parent who cannot work.

Bursaries are awarded to young people unconditionally. The thank you letters, the Trust receives, from the awardees explain that typically the money is used to pay for exam fees, tutoring or school supplies. They are also used to cover basic costs such as food, transport and other living costs.



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AWARDEE 15 YEARS OLD

“I come from a poor family and my parents can just earn enough to keep the wolf from the door. I did not have a chance to join any extra-curricular activities. After receiving the grant, I can join different activities to widen my horizons. I can also buy more learning materials. It helps me to prepare for exams effectively.”

THE IMPACT

“One recipient told me that knowing there are people that care – reassures her and gives her hope for the future.”

**Island School Principal (2017-2024)
Mr Stephen Loggie**



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The impact of the bursaries is two-fold. Firstly, the money makes things a little easier for the student, helping them to achieve their ambitions. For example, additional tutoring might help a student to pass the necessary exams to apply for university. While others can eat three meals a day or help their parents with house-hold expenditures. Secondly the award reassures the students that there are people and organisations who can help.

Funding and the Future

The Nicola and Kenneth Bursary fund is funded by the Island School community and those close to the school. Since 2020 the school's Social Action group, lead by students, has hosted a whole school walk. The sponsored walk is currently the charity's main funding source.

In the weeks preceding the sponsored walk event the social action group talks to the whole school about poverty in Hong Kong and our collective responsibility to address it. They share some of the stories of the awardees so the students might better understand how we can help others. Donations from this event are collected by the Island School Trust.

Island School wants to help as many young people as possible, now more than ever. If you can support the Nicola and Kenneth Bursary fund and in doing so help secondary school students in severe financial need please contact, trust@online.island.edu.hk. We can do more with help from our friends than we can alone.



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