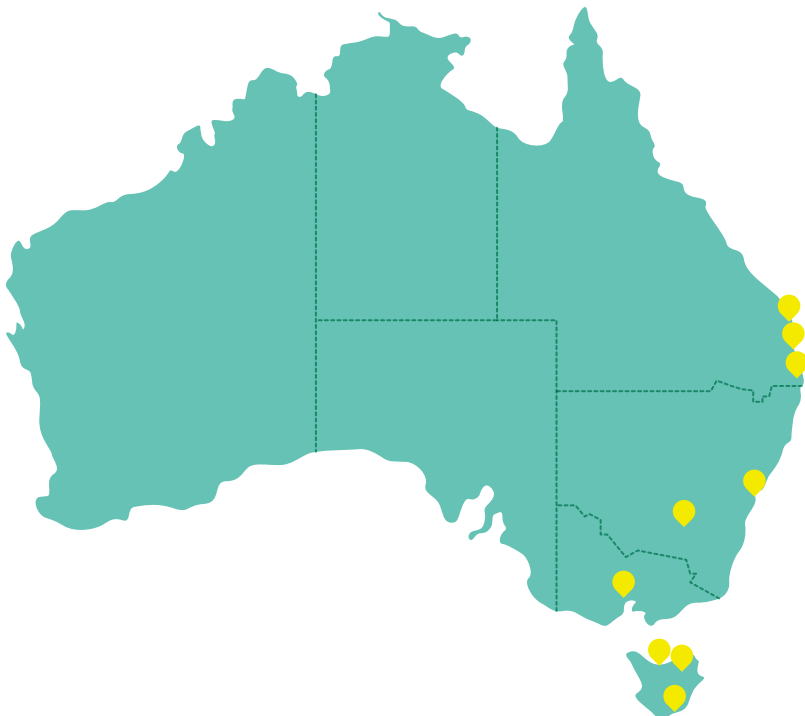


# ALTITUDE

## SCHOLARSHIPS

DEAR FRIENDS  
OF ALTITUDE,

We have had an extremely busy and productive start to 2023. Many of our talented scholarship recipients who successfully graduated from high school last year have moved to capital cities to study and chase their career dreams, so we are now represented in:



NOOSA, QLD  
CALOUNDRA, QLD  
BRISBANE, QLD  
WAGGA WAGGA, NSW  
SYDNEY, NSW  
MELBOURNE, VIC  
HOBART, TAS  
HELLYER, TAS  
LAUNCESTON, TAS

It is our absolute delight to share with you the results of our recent survey of wellbeing, which provide tangible and measurable evidence of our positive impact on the students we support.

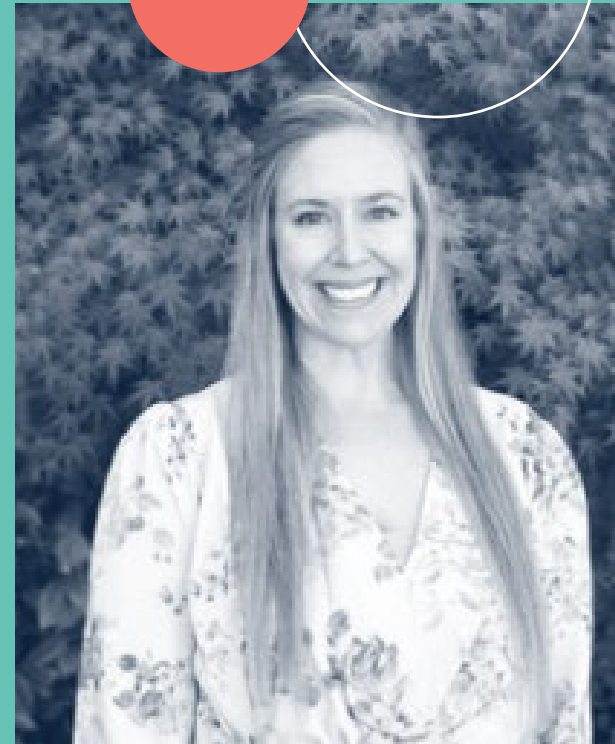


# Altitude Scholarship Recipient Wellbeing Survey

Our recipients, their parents and their school principals often tell us that receiving an Altitude scholarship benefits recipients in many ways above and beyond the impact of financial support.

We hear moving stories of an immediate rise in self-esteem, a reduction in stress and anxiety, and a sustained rise in engagement in their learning.

Tracking the progress of our recipients longitudinally is critical to understanding the value our contribution has in their lives. Data collection has helped us confirm that what we are doing provides meaningful and measurable impact and can signal areas requiring greater focus or attention.



To help us fulfil this need for evaluation, we continue to benefit from the services of Clinical Psychologist **Dr Allana Weir and Dr Kirsten Baulch** who work as a team to implement a wellbeing survey using validated evaluation tools adapted to the needs of Altitude Scholarships.

Allana and Kirsten are united in a strong desire to help young people thrive by maximising their psychological well-being, which sets them up for success. They understand the importance of using quality scientific research methods to evaluate progress.

# Survey Results for 2022

**100%** of recipients agree or strongly agree that receiving an Altitude Scholarship increases their hope for the future, and 100% indicated that the scholarship increases their motivation to work hard.

**100%** reported that they try hard to succeed in their learning (an increase from 79% in 2021), and compared to the Australian TTFM norm of 65%. This dramatic increase in trying hard to succeed likely represents a boost to confidence and sense of recognition that receiving a scholarship brings, and our anecdotal evidence certainly supports this observation.

**81%** reported that they like and accept themselves and are proud of their accomplishments (an increase from 74% in 2021). When compared to the TTFM norm of 76%, our anecdotal data supports the notion that receiving a scholarship provides an immediate boost to self-esteem, and the results suggest this is sustained.

**97%** report their intention to complete Year 12 (an increase from 90% in 2021), and compared to the TTFM norm of 67%.

**These results indicate that receiving an Altitude Scholarship brings increasing hope, motivation and a rise in self-esteem to an already determined and hardworking group of young people.**

The scholarship provides recognition of their efforts, and helps address their fundamental concerns and barriers to success, while improving their psychological measures important to attaining that success.

Altitude Scholarship recipients are more free to pursue their dreams, and their access to brighter futures.

# Altitude Recipient Story

We are delighted to let you know a bit about Kieran Simpson, a truly outstanding recipient who recently graduated from high school and is being proudly supported by the Melbourne-based Bennelong Foundation.

"My name is Kieran Simpson, I live on my parent's farm in North West Tasmania. "



I was awarded an Altitude scholarship while in year 12 at Hellyer College in 2022. During February I relocated to Wagga Wagga, NSW to undertake University Study. I am enrolled in Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (with Specialisations), diagnostic radiography, which I am very much looking forward to.

Since primary school I have had a fascination for science. My interest in science has grown through my observations of how environmental and biological facts can influence an individual's quality of life. My desire to study Medical Radiation Science stems from my strong interest in physics, chemistry and biology and a passion for working as part of a health care team. **Being part of a team to help diagnose, allowing timely treatment for patients, I feel would be a very rewarding career.**

Coming from a small rural town, I have been able to learn and achieve from my teacher's enthusiasm and belief in me, has got me where I am today, along with my family's support. **Resilience is important and a valuable trait for not just through school, but through life and into the workforce into the future. Experiences and what you learn from them make you a stronger, compassionate and thoughtful individual.**

My strong interest in science has seen me from 2017 to 2020 awarded the school prize for science. In 2018 and 2019, I entered and was very successful in the UTAS Science and Engineering Investigation Awards and the Tasmanian Science Talent Search.

My project in 2019, went on to reach the semi-finals of the National BHP Foundation Science and Engineering Awards. My leadership qualities and positive influence on others was recognised in 2020 with the ADF Long Tan Leadership Award. During my college years I was awarded a Merit award for Life Sciences in 2021 and Biology in 2022. On 2 nd February, 2023 I was awarded an Outstanding Merit Award from Hellyer College.

My others interests, from 2016 I have been a member of the Boat Harbour Beach Surf Lifesaving Club, actively patrolling as a Bronze Medallion holder. I have attained first aid and advanced resuscitation awards to further my commitment to helping others in the community. I have developed valuable skills and qualities including resilience and commitment further enhanced by my involvement over 4 years umpiring community football from boundary to central field umpire.

I am excited about The Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science degree I am about to study. Work placement opportunities from the 2 nd year, I believe will be highlights and integral in learning with the opportunity to be mentored by leaders in this field.

I am very grateful to my sponsor, the Bennelong Foundation for their belief in me and assistance of the scholarship for the duration of my study. Their commitment to me certainly boosts confidence in yourself and gives you extra motivation to achieve knowing others believe in you and support you.

Hold the dates

Please hold the dates for our exciting events for 2023! We do hope you can join us.

**FRIDAY 12 MAY:**

# Altitude Sundowners

(private house in Noosaville)

**4:30 - 6:30pm**

Invitation-only function for sponsors  
and best supporters; no cost

**CHEF:** Matt Golinski, with premium beverages

**MC:** Sam Coward

**DRESS CODE:** Noosa Glam

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or donate and wish to attend, please contact  
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**SATURDAY 12 AUGUST:**  
**Altitude Fundraising  
Lunch**

(Cooroy Bowls Club)

**12pm - 4pm**

- Matt Golinski's superb shared entrees, mains and cheese with premium beverages available for purchase
- Some rollicking good fun with optional team bowling and fashion competition

**MC:** Sam Coward

**DRESS CODE:** a touch of bowls

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**FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER:**  
**Altitude Christmas  
Sundowners**

(private house in Noosaville)

**4:30 - 6:30pm**

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Our best wishes,

*The Altitude Team*

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