

CLOSING THE INDIGENOUS LITERACY GAP KEY TO EDUCATING FUTURE GENERATIONS

On Giving Tuesday Australia 2019, Champion Education thanks and celebrates its community partner, The Indigenous Literacy Foundation, for their tireless work in improving the literacy levels of children in remote Indigenous communities across Australia.

Campion Education, Australia's largest supplier of education resources to secondary schools, partnered with The Indigenous Literacy Foundation in 2018, upon hearing about the vital programs they provide, as well as a shared vision and focus on providing education for all children across Australia.

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation are a national book industry charity, which aims to reduce the disadvantage experienced by children in remote Indigenous communities across Australia, by lifting literacy levels and instilling a lifelong love of reading. They do this through 3 core programs; Book Supply, Book Buzz and Community Literacy Projects.

Campion Education supports this great cause through donations from parents and students at its 14 Retail Service Centres across Australia, as well as fundraising events including the Great Book Swap, held every year on Indigenous Literacy Day in September.

Mark Rubbo, Indigenous Literacy Foundation Board Member met with Champion Education's Managing Director, James Cathro to accept Champion Education's latest donation of more than \$1,700, on behalf of the Foundation.

"Campion Education's vision is to deliver innovative education resources to children across Australia. We care about the education of all children, and we support a number of causes that assist children to achieve their education goals" says James Cathro, "reading is so important for children to assist in brain development, helping to develop vocabulary, critical thinking and memory skills. The Indigenous Literacy Foundation is a crucial organisation in raising literacy in remote areas of Australia, and we believe it is such an important cause."

Only 36% of Indigenous Year 5 students in very remote areas are at or above the national minimum reading standards.

"We are working tirelessly to improve Indigenous literacy, but there is still a long way to go," says Indigenous Literacy Foundation Executive Director, Karen Williams "Our Foundation relies on the generosity of individuals, organisations and communities, and we are so thankful to partners like Champion Education who provide valuable and ongoing support for our programs."

Campion Education also supports other charitable organisations including Skyline Education Foundation Australia, to assist in the education of all children across Australia.

If you or your workplace are interested in supporting the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, please visit their website here:

www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au

Campion Education

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We continuously seek to provide innovative educational resources, solutions and services which enable schools to focus on providing the best learning outcomes for their students.

Drawing on 23 years of experience, Champion Education supplies nearly 3,000 schools with printed and digital resources from Australia's widest range of publishers, as well as all forms of stationery and art supplies.

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