

**The Aspiration Initiative academic enrichment program – Teaching positions available!  
New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia**

The Aspiration Initiative (TAI) aims to increase opportunities and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students, helping to ensure they realise their potential at school, university and beyond.

The Aurora Project and the Charlie Perkins Trust for Children & Students are seeking a number of youth workers and teachers to deliver TAI's academic enrichment program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students. This program will be the first of its kind in Australia, and if successful, has the potential to expand to other states in years to come.

**Key responsibilities** include attending between 5 and 20 days of residential programs during the school holidays each year and working with a team of teachers to deliver an innovative and effective curriculum which supports students to develop their academic skills, and build their resilience and aspirations. Our overall aim is to ensure all TAI students are eligible to attend university.

**We are looking for** creative and skilled teachers with a passion for education and proven experience in participating in residential programs or working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. TAI teachers will need to have strong collaborative skills and enjoy working with a team of others.

*This is an exciting, new, cutting edge program with the opportunity to make a significant difference in the lives of TAI students.*

**THE IDEAL CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES:**

Essential

- Experience in teaching, mentoring and/or facilitating activities for young people
- Demonstrated experience working with people from a variety of backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth
- Demonstrated knowledge of, and commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, education and community needs
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with a team
- University qualification

Desired

- Demonstrated experience running or participating in residential programs (eg camps for students)
- Experience working with high ability students
- Sound understanding of differentiation, integration and student profiling
- Sound knowledge of social media
- Senior First Aid qualifications

**All applicants must obtain a "Working with Children Check".**

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**ABOUT AURORA**

The Aurora Project is a Sydney-based organisation that works in the Indigenous sector. Historically, the Aurora Project has worked in the area of native title, providing training and professional development to staff in Native Title Representative Bodies. Today Aurora is also undertaking a number of new education initiatives with the Charlie Perkins Trust for Children & Students and the Castan Centre for Human Rights Law at Monash University, known collectively as The Aspiration Initiative (TAI). TAI aims to increase opportunities and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students, helping to ensure they realise their potential at

school, university and beyond. One of TAI's projects is the development of a pilot academic enrichment program, involving a residential component ('residential') and additional support for cohorts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander secondary students. This program will be the first of its kind in Australia.

### **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

Three pilots are scheduled to commence in 2011 in New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia. For each state, 30 students in Year 8 will participate in the program, with clusters of 4-5 students selected from approximately 8 schools. The students will participate in at least 20 contact days (approximately 200 hours) each year for 5½ years, from the middle of Year 8 through to the completion of their first post-school year (university or other pathway). The program will provide students with intensive, ongoing educational and related support primarily during holiday periods at residential, but also throughout the academic year. In doing so, TAI will work to advance and strengthen the academic skills of participants, building their resilience and aspirations.

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