

FRIENDS OF ZAINAB

HOLROYD HIGH DONOR TRUST FUND TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF REFUGEE STUDENTS

The school's *Friends of Zainab* trust was established in 2002 to enable a young asylum seeker, Zainab Kaabi, to complete her schooling. Since then, the fund has supported Zainab and a large number of other young refugee students at Holroyd High School and the Holroyd High School Intensive English Centre in their school education, and a small number of students at university. In 2007, *Friends of Zainab* is supporting five students at university.

In July 2003, the National Foundation for Australian Women granted preferred donor status to a fund within their organisation to provide support for the education of young women asylum seekers and refugees. The fund is initially focussing on supporting girls at Holroyd High School and the Intensive English Centre.

Holroyd High School has a high proportion of refugee students. In 2007, some forty percent of the students in Years 7-12, and ninety percent of the students in the IEC are of recent refugee origin. The majority of refugee students have had substantial interruption to their education and many have also suffered trauma.

The school works to mend damaged young lives, give all our students the tools for successful participation in Australian life and enable them to look positively to the future.