

RAISE THE BAR



A pathway Academy for Australian Indigenous secondary school students (Year 10 - 12) who aspire to participate in athletics and study at university.

Apply now!

Who is eligible to apply?

1. Identify as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
2. Be in Year 10, 11 or 12
3. Be 15-19 years of age at time of camp
4. Can demonstrate interest in pursuing further education beyond secondary school
5. Can demonstrate community leadership skills
6. Can demonstrate interest in the sport of athletics

We encourage applications from:

- Indigenous para-athletes and students with a disability
- Students who consider themselves from low socio-economic backgrounds and/or living in remote areas

—How-to-apply—

Application forms are available at athletics.com.au. The application process opens Term 3, each year. Register your interest by sending an email to: RTBA@athletics.org.au



“Jessee has come back a different person, she said it was the best experience of her life and remains in close contact with all the other participants she met there. She is more confident in her sporting and academic life, as well as life in general. She has a clearer plan for her studies after school. She is already planning her application for next year’s Academy. She loved the University and their programs, even Melbourne and the weather!”

Mother of 2016 *Raise the Bar* Academy Participant

“Our trip to *Raise the Bar* Academy was the best five days of our life and it has inspired us to dream big, work hard, stay true to ourselves, make the impossible, possible and become all that we can, both on the track and in life. We will never forget this experience as it was truly once in a lifetime.

2016 *Raise the Bar* Academy Participant





What is Raise the Bar?

An athletics camp to help participants raise their ambitions to pursue a university degree and continue participating in athletics. Participants will explore their leadership potential and discover how participation in sport can complement and open doors to professional opportunities. The FREE program includes: air travel, ground transfers, accommodation and meals and consists of a four-day camp at the University of Melbourne.

By participating in the program, *Raise the Bar Academy* participants will:

- Gain knowledge and skills in athletics as both an athlete and a coach
- Develop your community leadership potential
- Be inspired to successfully complete secondary school and pursue further education
- Be mentored by current Australian Olympians and elite athletes
- Connect with sports industry professionals
- Establish links with other Indigenous students from all over Australia



Our Vision

Raise the Bar Academy participants will return from the experience more passionate about sport, excelling at school, and ultimately, feel empowered to pursue higher education opportunities and continue their involvement in athletics.



Lorraine Jaffer: 2016 Raise the Bar Academy participant and current student, Bachelor of Science Extended



Chris Navarette: 2015 Raise the Bar Academy participant and current student, Bachelor of Science Extended



Connor Wright: 2016 Raise the Bar Academy participant and current student, Bachelor of Science Extended



In 2017 participants came from all over Australia

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