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# KUNMANGGUR

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The motif used by the Commonwealth Council and Office of Aboriginal Affairs has been adapted from a painting by an unknown but probably ancient Aboriginal artist in a rock shelter on the Fitzmaurice River in the Northern Territory. The Aborigines of today consider the painting to be not simply a representation but a simulacrum of Kunmanggur or Kanamek, the Rainbow Serpent, a Dream Time personage of extraordinary powers exercised beneficently towards man. It is believed that Kunmanggur still survives as a sky-and-water being who is a guardian of human well-being. A similar belief was very widespread if not universal throughout Aboriginal Australia. Alongside the main motif can be seen a stencil of a human hand which was probably superimposed on the original painting.

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Secondary level students of Aboriginal descent will be eligible to apply for a Secondary Grant which will be tenable from the beginning of the school year in which the student reaches the school leaving age and will continue for the remainder of secondary schooling subject to satisfactory conduct, progress and attendance. The Secondary Grants, which will be awarded by the Commonwealth Minister for Education and Science who, in considering applications made to him, will take into account the extent to which applicants are regarded as capable of benefiting from further secondary school studies.

The Minister, in determining a Secondary Grant, may take into account any other awards held by an applicant at the time of application.

In deciding on the benefits offered under the scheme, the Government has taken into account the special needs of likely applicants. The main benefits are:-

- (i) \$200 per annum paid to the parent for the purchase of school clothing, books and other essentials,
- (ii) where the child lives at home a payment at the rate of \$240 to \$300 per annum to the family as a living allowance,
- (iii) where the child lives away from home a payment to cover full boarding costs,
- (iv) payment of tuition and other compulsory fees to the school.

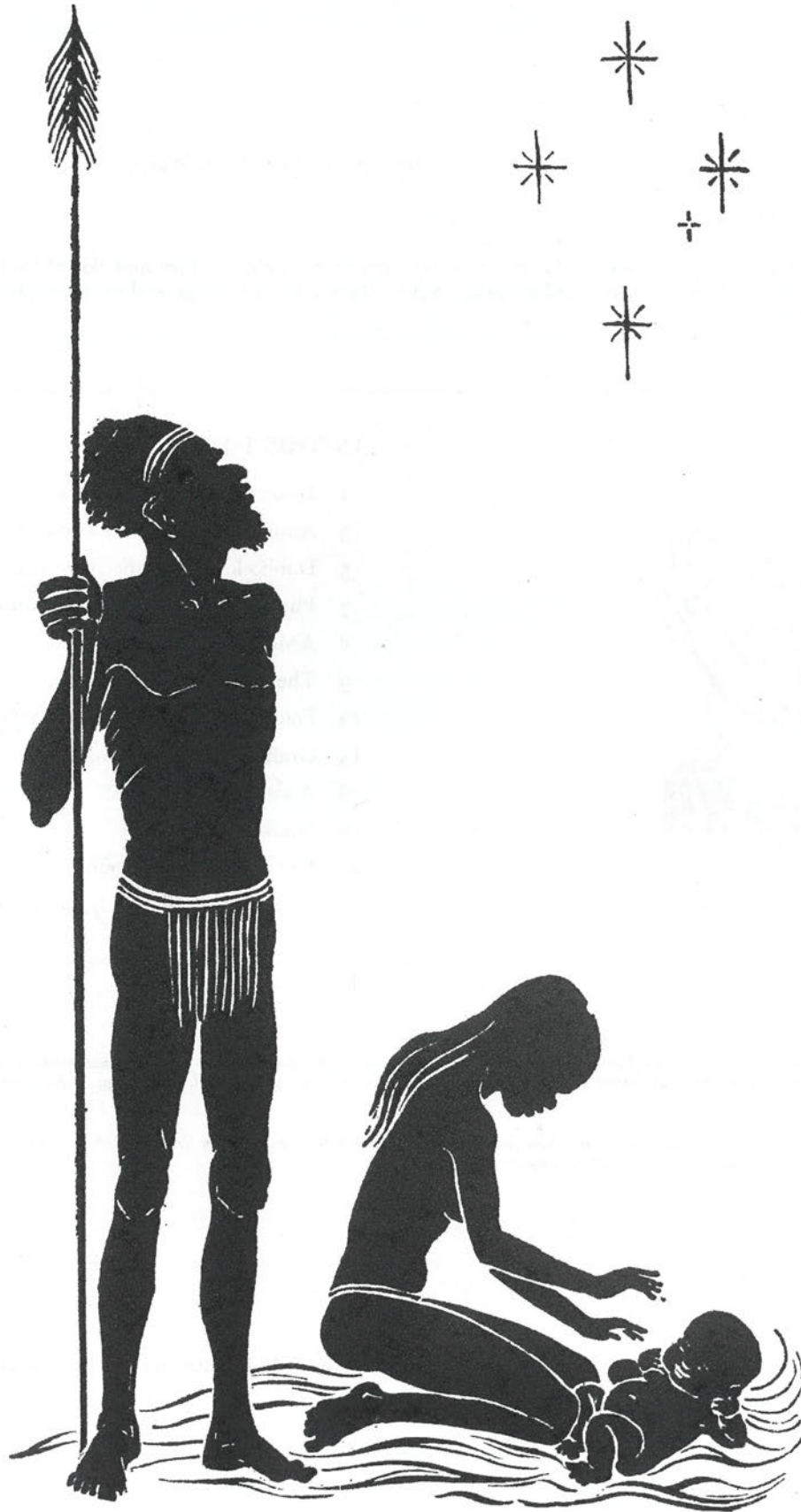
In order to meet particular problems which might confront students from time to time, there is provision under the scheme for the granting of additional assistance.

Students who live away from their normal place of residence in order to attend a secondary school will be issued with travel warrants to cover the cost of the journey by whatever form of transport is appropriate, from their normal place of residence at the town or city at which the course is conducted, and return, up to three times each year, to coincide with term vacations.

Assistance to Aboriginal students for primary and secondary education during the period of compulsory school attendance will continue to be the responsibility of the States although the direct Commonwealth grants to the States for Aboriginal education may continue to be used for this purpose.

Enquiries may be made at State Offices of the Commonwealth Department of Education and Science. It is expected that application forms will shortly be available from principals of secondary schools.

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**FRONT COVER:** *The front cover design is taken from the greeting card being distributed by the Aboriginal Medical Service. The cards can be purchased from the Medical Service at 193 Regent Street, Redfern, N.S.W. 2016. Tel.: 699 2493. (See page 8).*

**BACK COVER:** *Recent conferences around New South Wales: Top—NACC conference in Sydney; Left—NACC conference in Moree; Right—Aborigines Advisory Council public meeting in Moree.*

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## **ABORIGINAL SECONDARY AND STUDY GRANTS SCHEMES**

Applications are invited for 1974 Aboriginal Secondary and Study Grants which the Australian Government offers each year to assist Aboriginal students with their secondary school studies and to undertake further study after leaving school.

The grants include assistance with living costs, school fees, clothing and textbooks, and other expenses associated with attendance at school and other educational institutions.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

#### **Aboriginal Secondary Grants**

The grants are open to full-time students under the age of 21 years on 1 January 1974, who are of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent, and who will be attending in 1974 an approved secondary school or class in any Australian State or Internal Territory. Students who are in their final year of primary schooling in 1973 and will proceed in 1974 to an approved secondary school or class will be eligible for grant benefits in 1974.

Grants may also be made available to full-time students who are attending in 1974 an approved primary school provided the student is 14 years of age but under 21 years at 1 January 1974.

Students who are 14 years but under 21 years of age on 1 January 1974 must also be likely to benefit from remaining at school.

#### **Aboriginal Study Grants**

The grants are open with no age restriction to students of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent who have already left school and wish to undertake further studies or training in an approved course.

### **APPLICATIONS**

Application forms and further details may be obtained from the Department of Education at the address below, from offices of the Commonwealth Employment Service, the Department of Child Welfare and Social Welfare and some school principals.

**APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:**

The Regional Director  
New South Wales State Office  
Sydney Plaza Building  
Department of Education  
59 Goulburn Street, SYDNEY, N.S.W. 2000  
(G.P.O. Box 3987, SYDNEY, N.S.W. 2001)