

Murray Irrigation Education Sponsorship Program

As part of our proactive approach to supporting healthy, viable and vibrant regional communities, Murray Irrigation runs an annual **Education Sponsorship Program** for primary and secondary schools seeking funding for activities that promote student learning, development and wellbeing within the local communities where we operate.

Murray Irrigation runs a concurrent **Community Sponsorship Program** for community organisations located within our area of operations who are seeking funding for activities which enhance, promote and embed safety and wellbeing. Community organisations should visit our sponsorship webpage for more details on this community funding stream, including the application form:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au/sponsorships



Murray Irrigation's area of operations.

Education Sponsorship Program categories

Funding for Murray Irrigation's Education Sponsorship Program is provided for schools across the following two categories:

- Financial support – a pool of funds is provided annually and applications can be made **for up to \$5,000.**

- In-kind support – non-monetary contribution from within the resources of the company, such as:
 - Human resources
 - Infrastructure/equipment.

Eligibility

Schools applying for Education Sponsorship funds must be a **registered primary or secondary school** operating within the Murray Irrigation service footprint. *Please note: early childhood providers can apply for funding through Murray Irrigation's concurrent Community Sponsorship Program.*

Examples of eligible activities include but are not limited to:

- Purchasing technology such as tablets, laptops, or smartboards to enhance digital learning.
- Developing improved learning spaces, such as library upgrades or outdoor classrooms.
- Implementing sustainability initiatives, such as school gardens or energy-efficient infrastructure.
- Supporting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) programs or extracurricular activities.
- Enhancing arts and culture programs, such as music, theatre, or visual arts initiatives.
- Providing resources for emotional and physical wellbeing programs for students.

How to apply for Education Sponsorship

- The sponsorship application process opens on **Monday 1 June 2026**.
- Applicants must submit a completed *Education Sponsorship Application Form* which can be accessed on Murray Irrigation's website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au/sponsorships or by contacting our Customer Experience team on 1300 138 265.
- **Applications close on Monday 29 June 2026.**
- Applications should be submitted via email to: marketing@murrayirrigation.com.au

** Please note: Community organisations and groups should apply for project funding through our concurrent Community Sponsorship Program. This application form can be accessed on our sponsorship webpage: www.murrayirrigation.com.au/sponsorships*

Selection criteria

Applications should outline the following criteria:

- Demonstrate how your school activity enhances educational outcomes for students.

- Demonstrate how your school activity promotes happy, healthy and engaged students.
- How Murray Irrigation's support will be acknowledged.
- Value for money and whether the amount is viable for the applicant and Murray Irrigation.
- Any long-lasting benefits to students, the school and wider community.
- If you have received sponsorship previously, completion of the *Sponsorship Acquittal Form* by the due date.
- The project or initiative is to be completed within the current financial year (2026/27).

Selection process

- Successful sponsorship applicants are selected using a strict merit-based system, against the above selection criteria.
- The selection panel comprises Murray Irrigation staff.
- Following the close of applications on 29 June 2026, the panel will review and determine which applications have been successful.
- Successful recipients will be announced in mid-July 2026.

Acquittal process

Successful applicants will be provided with a *Sponsorship Acquittal Form* and must submit this by **31 March of the following year**.

The acquittal process confirms:

- How your project was delivered.
- How it supported enhanced educational outcomes and improved student wellbeing.
- Provides proof of how the sponsorship was used (eg. invoices for any equipment or service).
- Provides proof of how the company's support was acknowledged (eg. promotional material, media clippings, photographs etc).

For any questions regarding Murray Irrigation's Education Sponsorship Program, please contact the Customer Experience team on 1300 138 265 or customersupport@murrayirrigation.com.au