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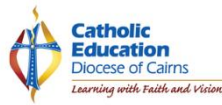
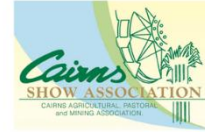
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About the Business Liaison Association (BLA)

The Business Liaison Association (BLA) is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to building meaningful connections between education and industry across Far North Queensland – from Cardwell to the Torres Strait and west to the Tablelands and Gulf.

Each year, we empower more than 12,000 students from over 37 schools to explore diverse career pathways, engage with industry mentors, and make informed choices about their futures. By bridging the gap between the classroom and the workplace, we help young people step confidently into their next chapter – and in the process, strengthen the local workforce.

BLA embraces multicultural diversity and First Nations perspectives, fostering respect, understanding, and inclusion for all cultures and identities.

Our Mission

To inspire, inform, and empower the next generation while forging lasting partnerships between schools, business, tertiary institutions, and the community. Together, we're cultivating a skilled, sustainable regional workforce ready for tomorrow's opportunities.

Our Brett Moller Legal Bursaries Award Sponsors

Hosted by the Business Liaison Association (BLA) in partnership with local schools and community stakeholders in Cairns, North Queensland.

The Business Liaison Association extends its sincere appreciation to Brett Moller and Complete Accounting for their valued sponsorship of the Brett Moller Legal Bursaries Award.

Through their ongoing support, we continue to strengthen pathways between education, training, and employment, empowering the next generation of legal professionals across Far North Queensland.

Overview

The Brett Moller Legal Studies Award recognise and supports outstanding Year 12 students from across Cairns and Far North Queensland who demonstrate both aptitude and genuine interest in pursuing a career in law or legal services.

This award seeks to nurture the next generation of legal professionals by encouraging regional students to pursue pathways in law and to contribute meaningfully to Australia's legal, civic, and community landscape.

Conditions of Entry

Year 12 students from across Cairns and Far North Queensland who demonstrate aptitude and genuine interest in pursuing a career in law or legal services are invited to apply or be nominated by their school.

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:

- Be enrolled in Year 12 in 2026 and demonstrate, at a minimum, competency in English and General Mathematics.
- Intend to pursue further study in Law (Bachelor of Laws (LLB) or a dual degree incorporating an LLB) or a related legal field at a university, TAFE, or other recognised tertiary institution.
- Demonstrate academic merit through:
 - A Semester 1 School Report evidencing a grade of **B or higher** in General or Applied subjects: or
- Be formally endorsed by their school.
- Be willing to participate in an interview process, if shortlisted.

Please note: Schools may submit up to two (2) student nominations; however, only one (1) nominee per school will be invited to attend an interview.

Prize & Bursaries

Winner	\$900.00
Runner Up	\$500.00
Encouragement Award	\$200.00

Process

1. School-Based Submission

- Applications must be submitted through the Legal Studies Department of the participating school.
- This process ensures appropriate coordination, selection of student work, and centralised communication.

2. Submission Requirements

- A hard copy of each student's typed application must be submitted to:

Dan Kaggelis

Smithfield State High School

Email: dkagg1@eq.edu.au

3. Deadline for Entries

- All applications must be received no later than **24 July 2026, Friday, Week 2, Term 3**
- Late submissions will not be accepted under any circumstances.

4. Required Documentation

Applications must include:

- A completed Application Form and current Academic Record, together with a **400–600-word typed personal statement** addressing:
 - The most pressing legal issue currently facing Australian society, in your view.
 - The role and importance of the rule of law.
 - Your personal interest in the legal field, including a specific area of law that appeals to you and why.
- A non-refundable school application fee of **\$88.00 (incl. GST)** to cover administrative costs (*One fee per school – unlimited student entries permitted*).
- If shortlisted, students must prepare for an in-person interview before a professional legal panel and provide an up-to-date résumé and supporting documentation.

5. Interview Process

- Schools will be notified of shortlisted students by **31 July 2026, Friday, Week 3, Term 3**
- **Interview Date: 7 August 2026, Friday, Week 4, Term 3**
- (Zoom interviews may be arranged at the expense of the student or school, if required.)
- At the interview, students will be required to:
 - Speak to their submitted application.
 - Present an up-to-date résumé, including scanned copies of relevant awards and certificates (no original documents).
 - Respond to panel interview questions.
 - Attend in full formal school uniform, in accordance with school policy.
- **Please note:** The panel's decision is final. No alternative interview dates will be offered.

6. Consent and Ethical Standards

- By entering, students and schools provide consent for photographs and video footage to be taken during interviews, awards event and used for promotional purposes by BLA and its partners.
- Entries must be the original work of the student. The use of generative AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini) is not permitted in drafting or writing the submission materials. All submissions must be the student's own original works. Submissions found to breach this condition will be disqualified.
- Students and schools are encouraged to positively promote their achievements on social media and acknowledge support from the Business Liaison Association.
- BLA reserves the right to withdraw awards, bursaries, or recognitions in instances where a recipient publicly defames, misrepresents, or undermines the values or reputation of the BLA, community stakeholders, or their affiliated partners.

Payment Information

An invoice of \$88.00 will be issued to each school on the official closing date of the award.

Awards Night Presentation

Winning students will be formally recognised at the invitation-only Aspire Awards Presentation Evening, details as follows:

- Date: Thursday, 17 September 2026
- Time: 4:45 pm – 7:30 pm
- Venue: Cairns Performing Arts Centre (CPAC)

Award Recipient Requirements

- All award recipients are required to attend the Awards Ceremony in full formal school uniform, in accordance with their school's uniform policy.
- A formal invitation will be issued to each recipient, parent, and their respective school.

Application Form

Please forward the application to both:

Dan Kaggelis

Smithfield State High School

dkaggl@eq.edu.au

Abigail Peter

Business Liaison Association

events@bla.org.au

Please complete the details below correctly.

Student Candidate Information

Legal Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Mobile: _____ DOB: _____

Email: _____ Year Level: _____

Adress: _____

Please note: If a student is unable to attend the Awards Night, a parent or guardian will be invited to attend and accept the award on the student's behalf.

Parent Name: _____ Parent Mobile: _____

Parent Email: _____

School Information

School Name: _____ Office Ph: _____

Teacher's Name: _____ Teacher's Mob: _____

Teachers Email: _____

Name of Subject: _____ Level of Achievement: _____

Teacher's signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

Principal to Complete

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Predicted level of Achievement

Subject	Predicted Result
1 _____	_____
2 _____	_____
3 _____	_____
4 _____	_____
5 _____	_____
6 _____	_____

Additional

Please outline your intended post-school pathway, including your QTAC course preferences, Expression of Interest for a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) course, or intention to continue as a School-Based Trainee.

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____

As outlined above, you are required to submit confirmation of your QTAC application, including details of the institution and course you intend to undertake.

Failure to meet this requirement may result in forfeiture of the monetary component of the award. However, you will still be invited to attend the Awards Night and will receive your certificate of recognition.

Terms and Conditions

I confirm that I have read and understood the guidelines, eligibility criteria, and all information accompanying this application. I declare that the submitted work is my original work and has been completed within the past twelve (12) months. If I am selected as a winner of this Competition, I grant permission to the Business Liaison Association (BLA) to reproduce, publish, and promote my work across media platforms, including, but not limited to, television, associated websites, and social media platforms (including Facebook and similar channels). I acknowledge that my work may attract media interest on behalf of the Business Liaison Association, and I agree to make myself reasonably available for related promotional and media activities where practicable.

Student Signature

Date