

## BURGMANN COLLEGE - INDIGO FOUNDATION EQUALITY PRIZES

Burgmann College and the [indigo foundation](#) have established two \$1000 prizes to be awarded annually on a continuing basis to students and alumni who have taken the opportunity to contribute significantly in any way to reducing inequality amongst people in any of its forms.

- **Equality Prize** – This will be awarded to an alumni member who over some years since graduating has made such a contribution
- **Emerging Leader Equality Prize** – This will be awarded to a College student or recent graduate/alumni member who has made such a contribution

Contribution could be by, but not limited to, relevant scholarship, promotion of equality, significant work including fundraising (paid or voluntary) for a relevant organisation, and in, but not limited to, any of the following areas:

- International development
- Human rights in general including:
  - gender or sexuality equal rights
  - indigenous rights and development
  - rights of vulnerable and disadvantaged workers and fair employment
  - rights of vulnerable and disadvantaged consumers and fair markets
  - access to education
  - access to health care
- Equality and national taxation and transfer systems

Bishop Ernest Burgmann assisted Dr H V Evatt (Australia's then Foreign Minister) figure in the establishment of the United Nations and in the drafting and realisation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. He was a constant advocate for disadvantaged people of the world. This prize is very appropriate for the College named in his honour.

Nominations for the prize may be made by anyone including by candidates themselves.

Nominations must be made by **31 August** to the Principal of the College:

ea@burgmann.anu.edu.au. Nominations may be supported by any relevant material including scholarly work or details of other contributions with referees supporting statements as appropriate.

Selection of the winner will be made by a committee comprising appointees of the boards of Burgmann College, the indigo Foundation and the Greater Good Foundation. Respectively the appointees are currently The Hon Meredith Burgmann AM, Dr Ali Reza Yunespour and The Hon Justice Richard Refshauge. The three members may determine the chairing role. (The College Board will determine what action may be appropriate if either of the other organisations is not able to make a nomination.)

Judgement will be made on the basis of:

- The quality of the contribution
- The impact of the contribution
- The achievement in terms of the amount of effort and overcoming of obstacles involved and the relative youth of the candidate would be taken into account.

The decision of the committee will be final.

The winner will be expected to make a presentation about their contribution to equality at an appropriate joint event.

Half the prize money will be from the BillBerry Blue Stocking Fund (BBBSF), which currently stands at more than \$150,000. It is a subsidiary fund of the [Greater Good Foundation \(GGF\)](#). The

principals of the fund, two of whom are Burgmann College alumni, have asked the ACT Public Trustee, being the trustee of the GGF, to pay the income from the fund to the indigo Foundation excepting \$1000 which they have asked be paid to Burgmann College for this prize.

The second half will be from other sources including benefactors of Burgmann College who are also indigo supporters.

Why Blue Stocking, why BillBerry? The [Blue Stockings Society](#) was an informal organisation dedicated to women's education in mid-18th century England; an early initiative to promote gender equality and empower women. Bill and Berry were the nicknames of two young Girl Guide leader women who rode 8,000 kilometres around Europe in the last summer before World War Two began in 1939. Bill was the mother of two of the principals of the BBBSF.