



ANZA STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

This is a program that provides financial assistance to enable disadvantaged Indonesian children to go to school, and is funded by sponsorship rather than ANZA's own social welfare funds.

Background

The program was started in 1988 by Marilyn Ardipradja, initially with 22 students sponsored by 19 sponsors, and has grown over the past thirty years to help approximately 500 students per school year.

We do not sponsor students in *Negeri* (National) or Islamic schools, as the fees for these are usually free due to Government funding or Islamic subsidies. Consequently, all our students are in private schools because the Government funded and Islamic subsidised places are often limited in number, and more often the children do not have the necessary documentation (such as birth certificates).

Sponsors & Sponsorship

The program runs by coordinating sponsors who pay a set amount for one year's education fees, which are currently:

Rp 1,050,000 for Elementary students

Rp 1,750,000 for Junior High students

Rp 2,050,000 for High/Vocational students

Sponsors are usually ANZA members or former ANZA members, either living here in Jakarta or back overseas, when they move away – about 50% of our sponsors are based in Australia & New Zealand, 30% in Jakarta and 20% in the Rest of the World (USA, UK, Europe and Asia).

We also have some group sponsors, sponsoring from 4-50 students and two schools that sponsor 10-20 students each year.

Sponsors receive a profile of their student in the first year and subsequent photos each new school year thereafter (while they continue their sponsorship), and two school reports each year. The school year runs from July to June.

Students & Schools

The monies we receive in sponsorship are used to pay a monthly amount directly to the school on behalf of the students, and also gives the students themselves a yearly bonus of Rp 200,000 at the end of the school year to use towards stationery, uniform or school related fees as required.

The sponsorship is centred around five main schools where we have good relationships with the staff and students, as well as some individual students with whom we are able to administer directly:

- **At Taqwa**
We support 120 Elementary students at this school.
Most students gain Government funded or Islamic subsidised places for Junior High and High/Vocational, but we continue to help those whose only option is to continue in private education.
- **Cengkareng**
Some of our former Esti Bakti students move on to this school so we have established a good relationship with the staff there and now support 50 students who are a mix of Junior High students and High/Vocational students.
- **Esti Bakti**
This is a non-denominational school where we support all the Elementary children (about 160) in the school's *Taman Gizi* program (a nutritional program providing them with one hot meal per day and which is also funded by ANZA as one of our regular projects).
We also continue to help any students who move to Junior High and then High Schools where the only option is to continue in private education.
- **MKGR**
We support 80 Elementary students at this school and so far 'graduating' Year 6s have all gained Government funded or Islamic subsidised places for Junior High.
- **PGRI 35**
We support 60 High/Vocational students at this school.

Staffing

The program is an in-house project run by an ANZA volunteer, Louise Kennedy, and one paid employee, Ibu Santi Arianti, who receives a small salary plus travel and telephone expenses. Ibu Santi's salary is funded by an administration amount of Rp 50,000 per student built into the sponsorship payment paid by sponsors.

In addition to the core team, there is a former ANZA member, Marje Smith, who is now living in the UK, and who helps with liaising with the numerous sponsors, especially those now further away in places like Canada and the USA, and Europe.

Administration

Each year we visit the schools at the beginning of the school year to check which students are continuing and to take on new students. We photograph all the students and make profiles of any new ones* (during the current COVID-19 pandemic, this has been rescheduled to January 2021).

Then we regularly visit across the year as follows:

August/September	Visiting all the schools, checking the student lists, taking photographs of all continuing or new students* Payment of the 1st Quarter of 'School Fees'
October	Payment of the 2nd Quarter of 'School Fees'
January	Payment of the 3rd Quarter of 'School Fee's Collection of first semester reports
April	Payment of the 4th Quarter of 'School Fees'
May	Graduation bonuses for Year 6, 9 & 12 students
End of June	Collection of second semester reports Year End bonuses or gifts (because we only sponsor some of the students at some of the schools, we now use the bonus money to buy stationery packs and gifts for all the students at those schools)

We have a report generator software program created by ANZA member Michelle McCarthy for our twice-yearly reports, and this enables us to provide PDF documents without the need for printing or scanning. This has been a great help to speed up the report translation, formatting and issue process.

We have also created a closed group Facebook Page to share photos and information with sponsors, rather than a newsletter.