In 2017, the Foundation increased its scholarship allocation to 56 scholarships ranging from $1,000 to $7,000 in value. The Federation University Australia Foundation donations have continued to rise throughout 2017, with overall donations to the Foundation reaching over $3 million.

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- Brian Mackenzie Gippsland Bursary
- Buninyong Community Bank Scholarships
- Carol Lynette Grant Prowse Scholarship
- Dunkeld Refugee & Asylum Seeker Support
- Gippsland Education Precinct Bursaries
- Hamilton & District Rural Australians for Refugees
- Ian Alexander Gordon Scholarship
- Isobella Foundation Scholarship
- Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw Scholarship
- Meredith Doig Scholarship
- Thom Nugent Memorial Scholarship

The Gippsland Education Precinct elected for voluntary cancellation of its Incorporation in 2014 and the residual funds were transferred to the Foundation to establish two bursaries at the value of $2,500 each. 2017 recipients were Corey Harding and Scott Adler.

The Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw scholarship is available to an Indian student undertaking studies in the fields of science, technology, engineering or mathematics to the value of $7,000. The 2017 recipient was Abhinav Hira.

The Meredith Doig scholarship is available to a female student undertaking studies in their second or third year in the field of science, technology, engineering or mathematics to the value of $4,000. Pictured above from left: The 2017 recipient was Michelle Steicke.

The Thom Nugent Memorial Scholarship was established in 2017 in memory of Thom Nugent, a dedicated and passionate young man of 26 who studied the Bachelor of Science at FedUni to the value of $2,000. Lori Howlett was the 2017 recipient.

The Buninyong Community Bank established scholarships to the value of $1,000 for three TAFE students and $7,000 for a Higher Education student studying in the fields of environmental studies. Mitchell Corrigan was the 2017 Higher Education recipient. Mark Oliver and Brad Odgers were the 2017 TAFE recipients.

The Brian Mackenzie Gippsland Bursary, to the value of $3,000, was established to honour the life of Emeritus Professor Brian Mackenzie. The 2017 recipient was Terry Scheerle.

The Carol Lynette Grant Prowse Scholarship was established to honour the life of Carol who passed away in 2015. Melissa Millar was the 2017 recipient.

The Dunkeld Refugee & Asylum Seeker Scholarship was established in 2017 to support a Karen refugee student studying at the Wimmera Campus. Muh Muh Maw Kay was the 2017 recipient.

The Hamilton & District Rural Australians for Refugees Scholarship was established in 2017 to support a Karen refugee student study at the Wimmera Campus. Tha Blay Sher was the 2017 recipient.