The Opening the Doors Foundation arose from within the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry for Victoria, a Catholic Aboriginal organisation responding to an expressed need voiced by the Aboriginal community.

The Opening the Doors Foundation addresses the severe educational disadvantage still being experienced by Aboriginal & Torres Strait families, by providing assistance to enable them to choose and successfully maintain a positive educational environment for their children in Catholic and Independent schools throughout Victoria.

The Opening the Doors Foundation helps to meet needs over and above the basic requirements in education that are not presently available through existing organisations – such as uniforms, books, camps, school levies. It is the only Aboriginal foundation that gives ongoing support to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students from Prep to Year 12.

The Opening the Doors Foundation will only succeed:
• if partnerships with parishes and schools are built and maintained;
• with the support of those who are generous of heart and want to make a difference in the lives of Aboriginal & Torres Islander students and their families by helping to Close the Gap in Education.

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