

# AFFLIP Scholarships

Tablets for scholars



## Online learning for AFFLIP Scholars

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About 142 tablets and sim cards were given to learners of Talomo District under the scholarship program of AFFLIP (Australian Foundation for Fostering Learning in the Philippines) to enable them to join online learning programs or to experience the convenience of using technology for research and other related performance tasks that require online resources.

Aside from the tablets, AFFLIP has sponsored schools supplies and uniforms, registration for Boy Scout or Girl Scout of the Philippines, and Parent-Teacher Associations contributions.

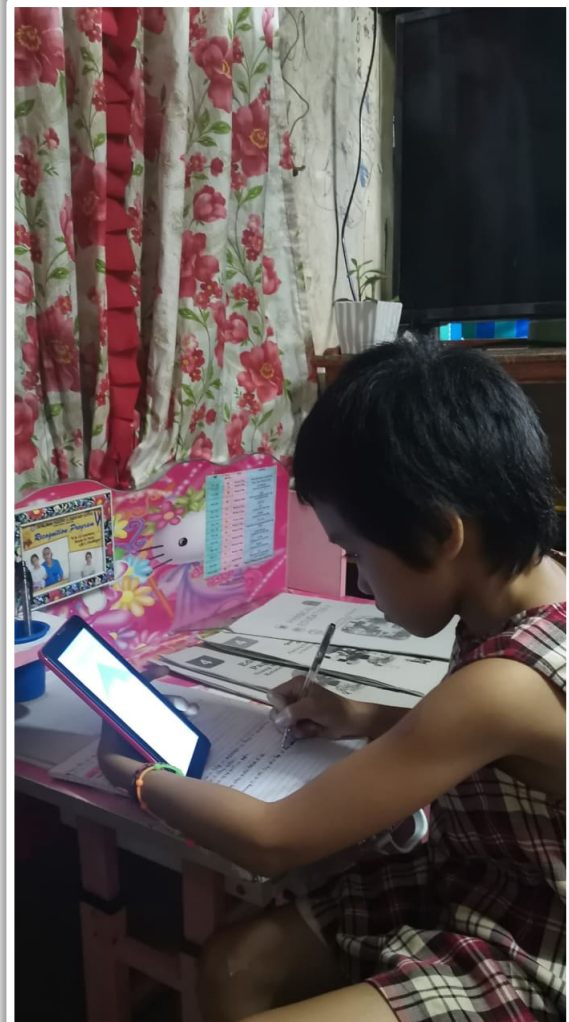
Since 2013, the AFFLIP scholarship program has helped 804 learners coming from the 15 elementary schools of Talomo District.

For nine years since AFFLIP started its programs in the district, \$70,000 or more than 2.4 million was raised all for the benefit of the identified scholars.

“This achievement has been made possible through the generosity of our members in donating \$100 per year per pupil,” Alastair Douglas, the chair of AFFLIP, said.

Rowena Villanueva Pal, a teacher of Catalunan Pequeno Elementary School, shared the AFFLIP scholars are classified as fast group learners. In fact, she recalled one scholar who showed big improvement because of exposure to various activities.

“One of the scholars is a high-achieving student. He participated in the Boy Scout Fancy Drill that won first place. He competed in Dancesport and



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landed second. He actively participates in AFFLIP Clubbers,” she said.

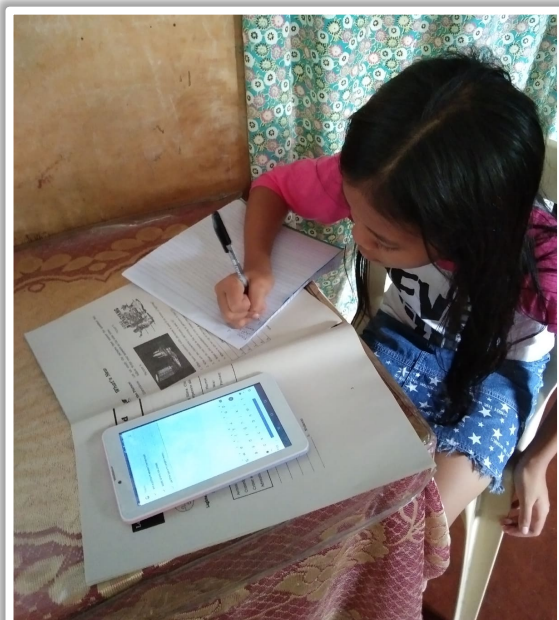
The AFFLIP Clubbers is an annual event that aims to strengthen the partnership of the twinned schools from Talomo District and Australia. The basic information about Australia was imparted to them in an unconventional way and the leadership potential of children, Pal said.

The tablets which were given in the time of pandemic have been of great use to these learners. The parents were as excited as their children as they received the tablets.

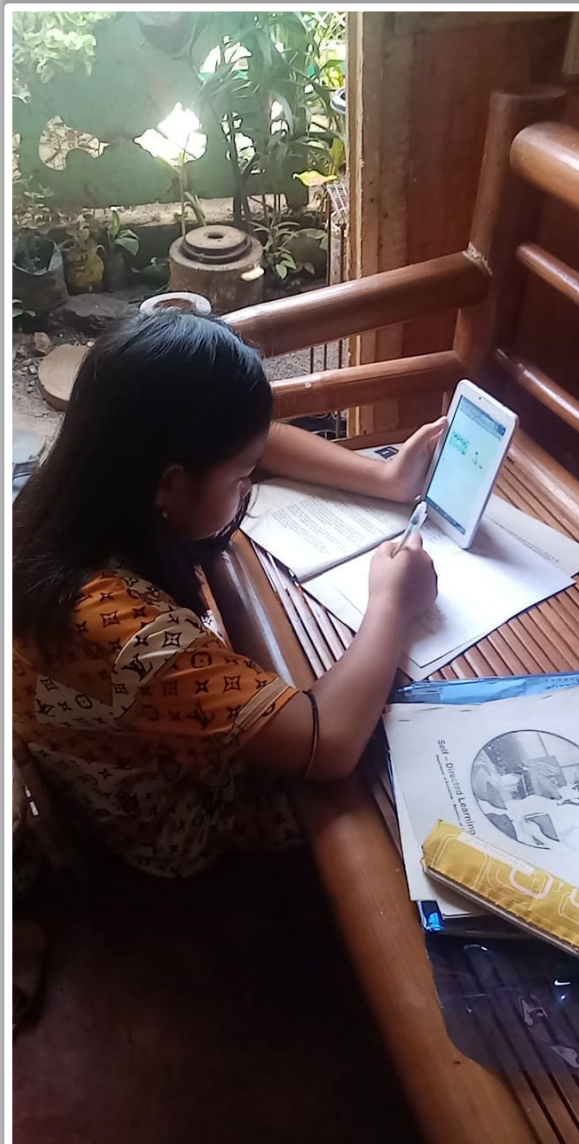
“This is very timely because a lot of families experience difficulties especially with finances. This will help them in this new normal where technology is a necessity and is used often,” Filgloria D. Mercado, a parent, said.

Another parent of a deaf and mute learner from Davao City Special School expressed her gratitude to AFFLIP. She shared that her daughter was uplifted and encouraged to study more.

The scholars maintain an average grade of 85 to remain in the roster. This scholarship program supports students with great potential but who are at risk of dropping out of school because of poverty.



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*The tablets were made available to scholars to assist them to access online learning during the pandemic.*



*Scholars from Leon A Garcia SR Elementary School send thanks to AFFLIP sponsors.*