



COST OF BOARDING – 2017

(Information revised as at 13 February 2017 to reflect 50% increase in AIC Additional)



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2017 Cost

The net cost varies depending upon your allowance entitlements and our subsidy and scholarship provisions (see table below).

Our boarding service includes accommodation, meals, student care and development, educational and recreational resources and programs, and parent and school liaison. The full cost of our boarding service, inclusive of capital costs, is **\$20,940 per student**.

The table below shows how allowances and subsidies significantly reduce the amount to be paid.

Net Cost per Student

\$13,660	For subsidised public school students
\$3,460	For AIC & BAHA recipients
\$1,138	For AIC & BAHA recipients (with AIC additional)
Varies*	For Youth Allowance recipients
No Cost*	For ABSTUDY recipients
\$11,555	For GATE Allowance recipients
\$20,940	For Overseas/International Students

* *ABSTUDY and Youth Allowance are subject to an income test. Where a student is eligible for the full allowance there may be little or no cost. Once the residential college has received advice regarding your allowance, it will advise you if there is any net cost to be paid.*

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

It is a condition of enrolment that financial assistance is paid direct to the residential college. No action is needed in respect of *ABSTUDY* and the *Boarding Away from Home Allowance (BAHA)*, but parents do need to direct Centrelink to make *AIC* payments to their child's residential college. Students on *Youth Allowance* need to make arrangements with their residential college for direct payments on a regular basis. An outline of these schemes follows.

Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme (AIC)

A basic boarding allowance, \$8,095 in 2017 and indexed annually, is provided by the Australian Government to children who:

- live at least 16 kilometres from the nearest appropriate government school via school bus or public transport and at least 4.5 kilometres from the transport pick-up point;
- live at least 56 kilometres from the nearest appropriate government school via any school bus or public transport service route;
- have to travel more than 3 hours daily to & from school via any school bus route; or
- meet one of the Scheme's other isolation or special needs criteria.

Subject to an income test an additional boarding allowance, indexed annually, may be payable (up to \$2,322 from 1 January 2017 for primary and secondary school students. *AIC* is administered by Centrelink.

Telephone 132 318 or visit www.humanservices.gov.au for more information & how to apply.

Financial Assistance (contd)

Boarding Away from Home Allowance (BAHA)

All recipients of the basic AIC Boarding Allowance are eligible for the State Government *Boarding Away from Home Allowance (BAHA)* amounting to \$2,105 in 2017.

This allowance is administered by the Department of Education (Tel: 08 9264 4516; Email: student.allowances@education.wa.edu.au).

Youth Allowance

Depending on parental income, family assets, and, in some cases family actual means, a student may receive a higher level of Australian Government assistance if he or she is eligible for *Youth Allowance*.

In general, students 16 years and over should apply for *Youth Allowance* if they would receive more than \$11,653 (i.e. AIC Basic and Additional Boarding allowances plus BAHA) and any Family Tax Benefit for the student. Note that while AIC and BAHA eligibility does not affect your Family Tax Benefit, the Family Tax Benefit is not available to *Youth Allowance* recipients. Note too, that eligibility for the Away-from-Home rate for *Youth Allowance* for isolated secondary students is different in some respects from the AIC and BAHA allowance eligibility criteria.

Telephone 132 490 or visit www.humanservices.gov.au for more information.

ABSTUDY

ABSTUDY assists eligible Indigenous students with boarding, travel and tuition costs. Note that the Family Tax Benefit is not available for ABSTUDY Living Allowance students aged 16 or over. ABSTUDY is administered by Centrelink.

Telephone 1800 132 317 or visit www.humanservices.gov.au for more information and how to apply.

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Boarding Allowance

Country students who are offered a place at Perth Modern School or in one of the other metropolitan gifted and talented education programs and who are not eligible for any of the abovementioned allowances may be eligible for this allowance which amounts to \$2,105 in 2017.

This allowance is administered by the Department of Education (Tel: 08 9264 4516; Email: student.allowances@education.wa.edu.au).

Subsidised Student Travel

Students living in "defined remote areas" of the State are eligible to apply for Subsidised Student Travel (air, bus or rail) between home and school at the beginning and end of each school term each calendar year.

For up to eight round trips each year a 'Road Travel Subsidy' is paid at the rate of 19.98 cents per kilometre, for kilometres travelled in excess of 56 kilometres each way, to:

- the nearest appropriate school with boarding facilities offering classes in the grade or year in which the student is enrolled, or
- the nearest regular passenger transport or school bus service operating between the student's home and school attended (whichever is closer).

Regular passenger transport access and car pooling affect the amount paid.

Subsidised Student Travel and the Road Travel Subsidy are administered by the Department of Transport. For information contact the Travel Subsidy Officer on telephone 1300 660 147 (postal address: GPO Box C102 Perth WA 6839, location address: 20 Brown Street, East Perth, WA) or visit www.transport.wa.gov.au.