



COST OF BOARDING – 2012

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2012 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 is \$17,034 per student.

The table below shows how allowances and subsidies significantly reduce the amount to be paid. The Authority and the Department of Education also offer 10 scholarships each year which provide significant savings off the cost of boarding and guarantee employment in the country for students who graduate from University with a teaching qualification. To obtain a scholarship application call 1800 645 212 (freecall) or go to our website.

	Net Cost per Student
Subsidy only – no allowances	\$11,000
Basic boarding allowances and subsidy	\$1,497
Basic and additional allowances and subsidy	\$82
GATE Allowance and subsidy	\$8,895
ABSTUDY	No Cost*
Youth Allowance	No Cost*

* *These allowances are subject to an income test. Where a student is eligible for the full allowance there is 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 *Student Boarding Away from Home Allowance*, 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, \$7,398 in 2012 and indexed annually, is provided by the Australian Government to children who:

- live at least 16 kilometres from the nearest appropriate government school via the school bus route and at least 4.5 kilometres from the school bus;
- live at least 56 kilometres from the nearest appropriate government school via the school bus route;
- have to travel more than 3 hours daily, to and from school, via the school bus route.

Subject to an income test an additional boarding allowance, indexed annually, may be payable (up to \$1,415 from 1 January 2012 for primary, secondary, and TAFE/tertiary students up to the end of the year in which they turn 17). *AIC* is administered by Centrelink.

Telephone 13 23 18 (direct line) or visit www.centrelink.gov.au to find out how to apply.

Financial Assistance (contd)

Student Boarding Away from Home Allowance (SBAHA)

All recipients of the basic *AIC* allowance are eligible for the State Government *Student Boarding Away from Home Allowance* amounting to \$2,105 in 2012.

This allowance is administered by the Department of Education, but under a new arrangement Centrelink will automatically send you an application form for this State allowance if your application for the *AIC* allowance has been successful (see previous page).

Youth Allowance

Depending on parental income, actual means and family assets, a student may receive a higher level of Commonwealth 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 \$9,503 (i.e. *AIC* Basic Boarding Allowance plus *SBAHA*). Note that while *AIC* and *SBAHA* 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 *SBAHA* allowance eligibility criteria.

Telephone 13 24 90 (direct line) or visit www.centrelink.gov.au.

ABSTUDY

Indigenous students can apply for *ABSTUDY* which assists with boarding, travel and tuition costs of those eligible. *ABSTUDY* is administered by Centrelink.

Telephone 13 23 17 (direct line) or visit www.centrelink.gov.au.

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 2012.

This allowance is administered by the Department of Education, Gifted and Talented Education section (Tel: 08 9264 8913).

Subsidised Student Travel

Students living in "defined remote areas" of the State are eligible to apply for subsidised transport (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 19.89 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 for Planning and Infrastructure. For information contact the Department for Transport Travel Subsidy Officer on telephone 1300 660 147 or visit www.transport.wa.gov.au.