

Queensland

ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

ARE YOU AWARE OF THE EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCES AVAILABLE?

Both state and federal governments provide allowances to assist with the cost of educating children in regional, rural and remote Queensland.

Federal Allowances ~

Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)

If your student attends a primary or secondary school, School of Distance Education, boarding school, special education facility or rural training college and:

- 📍 If you live less than 4.5km from transport, a student may still qualify if the family home is: **i)** at least 56km from the school via the transport service; or **ii)** at least 3 hrs travelling time/day to and from school via the transport service
- 📍 **Boarding Allowance:** income test free (for families with low income, a means-tested *Additional Allowance* is available). Students aged 17, participating in an approved tertiary course at an agricultural college, TAFE or similar are also eligible.
- 📍 **Second Home Allowance** - for a second home maintained by the family for education purposes
- 📍 **Distance Education Allowance** - for prep, primary and secondary students (income test free)
- 📍 You live at least 16km from the nearest state school with the required year level and at least 4.5km from the nearest transport
- 📍 **Contact Information** ~ Phone 13 23 18 Post PO Box 1122 Lismore NSW 2480.
<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/assistance-isolated-children-scheme>

Youth Allowance

A payment if you're aged 16 to 24 years, a full time student or apprentice, looking for work or sick (Austudy is still available for students over 25)

- 📍 Includes **Rent Assistance** and **Remote Area Allowance** for those eligible.
- 📍 Dependent Youth Allowance also has Fares Allowance included to allow for reimbursement of two return trips per year
- 📍 **Contact Information** ~ Phone 13 24 90 or www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/youth-allowance



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State Allowances ~

Living Away from Home Allowance (LAFHA)

Preferably claim online from 1st December the year proceeding year of claim and no later than 31st December of the current year ~ eligibility criteria similar to AIC Can be claimed at <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/grants/parents-students>

- **Remote Area Tuition Allowance (RTuA)** - to help with payment of tuition fees (gets paid direct to approved, non-state, primary or secondary school at which the student boards)
- **Remote Area Travel Allowance (RTrA)** - to help with travel costs for distances greater than 50km
- **Remote Area Allowance (RAA)** - for students attending Agricultural College in lieu of Years 11 & 12
- **Remote Disability Supplement (RADS)** - paid direct to parents
- **Special Circumstances** - you may be eligible for the allowances if you have: impassable roads, itinerant occupations, medical conditions, schools approved for bypassing
- **Gifted & Talented** - Queensland Academies Isolated Students (QAIS) Bursary
- **Contact Information** ~ Phone 1800 248 997 Post PO Box 15033, City East, Qld, 4002 <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/grants/parents-students>

Textbook & Resource Allowance

Available for all secondary students

- Parents do not apply - the allowance is claimed by the school on behalf of the parents

Conveyance Allowance

This allowance is provided by Qld Transport and must be claimed by 31st December of the current year. For students who:

- Reside more than 4.8km from the nearest secondary state school with the required year level; or
- Reside more than 3.2km from the nearest primary state school with the required year level
- **Contact Information** - Phone 13 23 80 ask for the School Transport Number for your area
<http://tinyurl.com/ConveyanceAllowanceArrangements>
- A link to all transport application forms <http://tinyurl.com/LinksToApplicationForms>

Bypass Schools

If you live near certain secondary schools you may still be eligible for allowances to send your child to boarding school, year levels vary for eligibility

- A bypass school is a rural or remote Queensland state school that may not deliver the programs a senior student needs to complete their chosen areas of study.