

# 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](http://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.