



On taking a place at a residential college, parents agree to pay the **\$14 461** boarding fee which covers the bed, meals, facilities and pastoral care of each student.

In addition to the boarding fee, amounts are required to cover individual services which may be provided for students. Individual services may include, but are not limited to, extras such as uniforms, tutoring, counselling, transport, medical services, medical supplies, camps and outings.

This boarding fee is directly subsidised by the Government of Western Australia for parents of Western Australian students with the full cost of boarding to the Department of Education being **\$24 248**.

If students are eligible for further allowances/subsidies, the amount a parent pays could be reduced even further.

Estimated amounts payable if eligible for subsidies

\$4 270	For AIC and BAHA recipients
\$1 816	For AIC and BAHA recipients (with AIC additional)
Varies*	For Youth Allowance recipients
No Cost*	For ABSTUDY recipients
\$12 827	For GATE Allowance recipients

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.

To allow the residential college to invoice the reduced amounts, parents need to ensure any financial assistance is paid directly to the residential college. If this is not done, the full accommodation fee will be required to be paid by the parent/s.

Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme (AIC)

A basic boarding allowance, **\$8 557** in 2020 and indexed annually, is provided by the Australian Government to children who:

- live at least 56 kilometres from the nearest appropriate government school via any school bus or public transport service route;
- 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;
- have to travel more than 3 hours daily to and 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 **\$2 454** from 1 January 2020) for primary and secondary school students.

AIC is administered by Centrelink. Telephone 13 23 18 or visit www.humanservices.gov.au for more information and how to apply.

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 **\$1 634** in 2020. This allowance is administered by the Department of Education.

Telephone (08) 9264 4516 or email student.allowances@education.wa.edu.au for more information.

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 **\$12 645** (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. 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 13 24 90 or visit www.humanservices.gov.au for more information.

ABSTUDY

ABSTUDY assists eligible Indigenous students with boarding, travel and tuition costs. 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.

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Boarding Allowance

Country students who are offered a place at one of the 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 **\$1 634** in 2020. This allowance is administered by the Department of Education.

Telephone 08 9264 4516 or email student.allowances@education.wa.edu.au for more information.

Student Subsidised Travel Scheme and Road Travel Subsidy

Students living in the defined remote area of the State may be eligible for subsidised travel (air, bus or rail) between home and school at the beginning and end of each school term. The Department of Transport administers the subsidies available for student transport.

Telephone 1300 660 147 or visit www.transport.wa.gov.au for more information.

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