



# Residential Colleges Costs – 2026

When accepting a place at a residential college, parents agree to pay the **\$15,536** boarding fee which covers the bed, meals, facilities, and pastoral care of each student.

For overseas students the boarding fee is **\$26,857**.

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.

Parents may be eligible for allowances or subsidies which can reduce costs. It is a condition of the Boarding Agreement that parents assign any such subsidies or payments to the residential college.

Estimated amount payable if eligible for subsidies	
\$3,520	For AIC and BAHA recipient
\$493	For AIC and BAHA recipients (with additional AIC)
Varies*	For Youth Allowance recipients
Varies*	For ABSTUDY recipients
\$14,075	For BAHA Gifted and Talented Program recipients

*\* ABSTUDY and Youth Allowance are subject to an income test which may result in you having little or no amount to pay.*

## Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme (AIC)

A basic boarding allowance of **\$10,555** in 2026 and indexed annually, is provided by the Australian Government to children who meet any of the following isolation conditions.

- Live 56 km or more from the nearest suitable government school.
- Live at least 16 km from the nearest suitable government school and at least 4.5 km away from the nearest transport to school or have no transport to get to school.
- Don't have reasonable daily access to a suitable government school.
- 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 **\$3,027** in 2026.

AIC is administered by Centrelink. Telephone 132 318 or visit [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au](http://www.servicesaustralia.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) of **\$1,461** in 2026. This allowance is administered by the Department of Education.

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

## **Youth Allowance**

Depending on parental income and family assets, a student may receive a higher level of Australian Government assistance if they are eligible for Youth Allowance at the living away from home rate.

In general, students 16 years and over should apply for Youth Allowance if they would receive more in Youth Allowance than they would from the other subsidies mentioned here. Youth Allowance is administered by Centrelink.

Telephone 132 490 or visit [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au) for more information.

## **ABSTUDY**

ABSTUDY assists eligible Indigenous students with boarding, travel, and tuition costs. ABSTUDY is administered by Centrelink.

Telephone 1800 132 317 or visit [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au) for more information.

## **Boarding Away from Home Allowance – Gifted and Talented Program**

Country students who are offered a place at one of the [Gifted And Talented Secondary Selective Entrance programs](#) and who are not eligible for any of the above-mentioned allowances may be eligible for this allowance of **\$1,461** in 2026. This allowance is administered by the Department of Education.

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## **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](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au) for more information.