



Financial Assistance Information Sheet

There are a number of allowances payable to parents/carers of secondary school students:

Text Book Allowance Scheme: Students attending approved secondary schools are eligible to receive a State Government textbook allowance each year. 2017 Rates are:

Year Level	Yearly Amount
Year 7	\$123.00
Year 8	\$123.00
Year 9	\$123.00
Year 10	\$123.00
Year 11	\$266.00
Year 12	\$266.00

These amounts will be paid directly to the school and are used to assist in providing subject resources for students, therefore reducing the amount charged under the Student Resource Scheme. **The Chinchilla State High School Student Resource Scheme Fee for 2017 is \$240.00.**

Conveyance Allowance: Eligibility is determined by Queensland Transport on an annual basis. Parents should enquire directly to Queensland Transport at the beginning of each year. Application forms and details of eligibility, etc. are available from Queensland Transport, School Transport Section.

Living Away from Home Allowance Scheme: A living away from home allowance will be paid to the parents of all students in Years 8 to 12 where such students are compelled, by reason of remoteness, to board away from home in order to attend a secondary school with the required grade. All payments are dependent on applicants' homes meeting distance eligibility criteria or being approved under special circumstances by the Minister for Education, Training and Employment. Payment is also dependent on school attendance certifications and distance checking which is undertaken on a risk management basis.

Information about eligibility can be obtained from Department of Education, Training and Employment, School Financial Services Unit – free call phone 1800 248 997.

Youth Allowance: Benefits will be payable from the student's sixteenth birthday, regardless of school year level. Youth Allowance is family income tested. Students receiving Youth Allowance benefits have obligations to observe concerning attendance and work performance. This school will quickly inform Centrelink of unsatisfactory work levels with resultant loss of benefits. Unexplained absences incur penalties to benefit levels also. For further information, write or telephone Centrelink

Aboriginal Study Assistance Scheme (ABSTUDY): ABSTUDY (Schooling) is the scheme which provides assistance to students under 21 years of age who are:

- full-time students attending an approved secondary school or a class anywhere in Australia;
- full-time students 14 years and more on 1 January of the year they study, attending an approved primary school; or
- full-time students attending an approved special school, or education unit from the commencement of the year in which they turn 13.

To be eligible for assistance under ABSTUDY, a student must meet the Commonwealth definition of an Aboriginal. This has three parts. An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a person:

- of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent;
- who identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; and
- who is accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives or has lived.

Students receiving ABSTUDY benefits are required to observe obligations the same as Youth Allowance recipients. Further information about ABSTUDY can be obtained from the Centrelink.

Assistance For Isolated Children (AIC):

Financial assistance is available for secondary students who qualify under special provisions relating to isolation, special course provisions, itinerancy and disability or handicap. Assistance is extended to students who board or are maintained in a second home for the purpose of attending school. Assistance is family income based.

Further information about AIC can be obtained from Centrelink.