

Day students

UNRAVELING ABSTUDY FOR PARENTS

- Payments are every term based on how many days student attended school
- These payments are Means Tested – based on the guardian's income

Boarding students

- If you live **more than** 'reasonable travelling time or distance' from the local high school:
 - You can only get ABSTUDY if you have a scholarship from the Boarding School or a Third Party Provider. If you do not have a scholarship you may not qualify
 - The ABSTUDY Fare Allowance is not Means Tested and allows for travel to and from school
 - Other fees are Means Tested
- If you live **less than** 'reasonable travelling time or distance' from the local high school:
 - You can get ABSTUDY regardless of if you have a scholarship
 - The ABSTUDY Fare Allowance is not Means Tested and allows for travel to and from school
 - Other allowances are Means Tested
- You can sometimes bypass the local high school if it is a 'limited program school' and does not offer a specific program you want your child to go to (such as music or agriculture)
- Boarding School scholarships direct from the School must be the higher value of \$6,096 or 25% of the fees

What you need to apply:



- Guardian's **Centrelink Number**: CRN – if you do not have one you will need to apply
- **Proof of Aboriginality** for the Student – from your Land Council
- If your child is over 16 they will need a **Tax File Number (TFN)** – call the tax office on 13 10 30 for the Aboriginal Hotline and ask for form number: [NAT1589-07.2016](tel:131030) to be sent to you

How to apply:



1. Call ABSTUDY on [1800 132 317](tel:1800132317) and answer questions on the phone
2. ABSTUDY will send out forms which you need to sign
3. Send the forms back with any other information they require
4. Ask them to send you a [Letter of Estimate](#) of what you could receive from ABSTUDY

It is recommended you wait to accept a school placement until after you know how much you could get, as there may be a gap to pay

'Orientation Visit Travel' is for students to visit the school with a family member

- This can only be used **before** acceptance to a school, once accepted it is no longer useable
- Can be used for interviews or selection process



Parent's Entitlements



- **'Special Purpose Visit'** is for one family member to visit a school, can be used for:
 - If the student is at threat of being expelled
 - If the student has serious problems of adjustment
 - Graduation
 - Parent/Teacher Interviews
 - Other school events, such as sports, plays, NAIDOC, assemblies, award ceremonies, etc
- **Families get 3 per year, which include:**
 - Flight to and from Perth
 - Accommodation for 'reasonable time' (approximately two nights)
 - Meals if included in accommodation bill

Student's Entitlements



- Transport from home to school for the beginning of each term (x4)
 - Some students will require a supervisor as determined on case by case basis
 - This can be one parent/family/community member who can travel with the student to Perth and get accommodation for 'reasonable time' (which is approximately two nights), as well as meals if included in accommodation bill
- All transport from school to home at the end of each term (x4)
 - We recommend schools act as a supervisor, but they are not required to
- ABSTUDY **DOES NOT** cover flights for midterm breaks (3/year)
- **'Compassionate Travel'** for **students** can get a flight home and back to school
 - if there is a critical injury or illness of a family member
 - If there is a funeral of a family member*
 - If there is 'kinship business'
 - If the child is sick or injured and needs to return home
- **'Compassionate Travel'** for a **family member** to get a flight to and from Perth to visit the child
 - If the student has a serious illness or injury
- 'Compassionate Travel' has a 2 per year limit
- Students can travel on weekends, but require a supervisor

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Notes: