



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE

M o r a w a

2009 GRANTS AND FUNDING

YOUTH ALLOWANCE

In general it is wise for students aged 16 and over to apply for Youth Allowance to test their eligibility/entitlement.

Eligibility for the Away from Home Rate of Youth allowance for isolated secondary students is similar to that for AIC.

Youth Allowance Rates

Maximum Standard Rate (age 16-17)	\$194.50 pf
Maximum Away From Home Rate (all ages)	\$355.40 pf**
Maximum Standard rate (age 18+)	\$233.90 pf

** The Away From Home Rate is only applicable for the period (40wks) that the student is away from home. The rest of the year is paid at the standard rate.

Further information regarding Youth Allowance can be obtained from your nearest Centrelink office or by phoning **13 2490** or log onto www.centrelink.gov.au.

ABSTUDY

ABSTUDY offers financial assistance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Living allowance and assistance with boarding, tuition and travel costs are available to eligible students. For more information please call ABSTUDY on 132317

ASSISTANCE FOR ISOLATED CHILDREN SCHEME

If your child is geographically isolated, i.e.

- i. living at least 56 kms from the nearest appropriate school,
- ii. living at least 16 kms from the nearest appropriate government school and at least 4.5 km from the school bus, or
- iii. the daily travelling time to and from school via the transport service is 3 hours or more,
- iv. is required to board away from home due to other special circumstances

The assistance for Isolated Children's Allowance may be payable.

The allowance is payable in four instalments at the beginning of each term and the parent may have the payment made directly to the school. In such cases both the parent and the school will receive notification of the payment.

P.T.O

The Basic (non means tested) Boarding Allowance is \$6824.00 pa, and subject to an income test an additional \$2261.00 may be payable, giving the maximum AIC Boarding Allowance of \$9085.00 pa.

Parents who received this allowance during 2008 should be sent a 2009 form in October/November. However, if you are intending to apply for AIC for the first time please phone **13 2318 for application form and information booklet.**

AIC does not pay a travel allowance, but those families in remote areas should contact the Department of Planning and Infrastructure on 9216 8759 regarding possible assistance.

STATE BOARDING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCE

Your child will be eligible for a maximum of \$2000.00 payment for the Boarding Away From Home Allowance if they received one of the following allowances: Assistance for Isolated Children and/or Second Home Allowance. This form will be sent to you from Centrelink when you have been notified that your child is to receive one of the above allowances.

APPLYING

Parents/guardian completes the application form and attaches a copy of their Assistance for Isolated Children statement from Centrelink. The form, intact, should then be forwarded to the WA Department of Education and Training for processing.

BOARDING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCE – SPECIAL SUBSIDY

\$2000.00 may be received if your child is not eligible to receive any of the above allowances. (This will be handled by the College Business Manager).