

Queensland Academies Isolated Student Bursary Information Guide - 2017



PLEASE USE THIS INFORMATION WHEN COMPLETING AN APPLICATION FORM

Applications for the 2017 Bursary close on **Friday 12th of May 2017**

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The Queensland Academies Isolated Students (QAIS) Bursary Program provides financial support to families of students living away from home, to attend one of the department's three specialised Queensland Academies in South East Queensland.

The QAIS Bursary supports talented students from rural and remote areas who are not eligible for the Living Away From Home Allowance Scheme (LAFHAS), through financial support for travel and accommodation whilst completing their studies at an academy.

Eligibility Criteria

In addition to the acceptance into one of the Queensland Academies, all of the following eligibility criteria must be met to be eligible for the QAIS Bursary:

- the student is **not eligible** to receive assistance through the *Living Away From Home Allowances Scheme* (LAFHAS); and
- the nearest Queensland Government (state) school to the student's family home, with the appropriate year level is located in a **Rural or Remote Education Zone** (in accordance with MCEECDYA Geographical Location Classifications); and
- the Queensland Academy where the student is enrolled is **at least three hours** travelling time per day from their home address using a school or public transport service.

Additionally, the following conditions apply:

- The home address of the student must be in Queensland; and
- The student's conduct, progress and attendance at the Academy must be satisfactory; and
- A new Bursary application must be completed each year on the approved form.

Bursary Components

The QAIS Bursary has two components:

- Remote Area Travel Allowance
- Student Accommodation Allowance

Remote Area Travel Allowance

The allowance is available to assist with travelling expenses. It is paid twice a year (50% of entitlement paid at the end of each semester) and is based on the distance from the family home to the student's homestay accommodation location, via the shortest trafficable route by road (and sea if necessary).

Remote Area Travel Allowance	School Sector	Maximum payable per student per annum
Up to 500km	\$ 0.79 per km	\$ 395.00
Each additional km over 500km	\$ 1.30 per km	\$ 1696.00



Applicants are responsible for ensuring that distances quoted on the application form are accurate. Where appropriate the local Queensland Transport office should be contacted to confirm if any distances have changed as a result of roadwork or bus route modifications.

Student Accommodation Allowance

Eligible students will receive an amount equivalent to the Basic Boarding Allowance provided through the Commonwealth's Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) Scheme, currently set at **\$8,095.00 per annum**. If the student boards part time (i.e. 5 days per week), this allowance will be paid pro rata. This allowance is paid twice a year (50% of the allowance paid at the end of each semester).

Please Note: No financial means test is applied to these allowances. Payments do not attract GST.

Payment of benefits

Benefits are paid in two instalments each year, at the end of each semester:

- Semester 1 period: 23rd January – 23rd June 2017 (payment made in June)
- Semester 2 period: 10th July – 8th December 2017 (payment made in December)

All payments under QAIS are made by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The benefits are paid to the financial institution nominated by the applicant on the annual application form.

Changes to circumstances

Following lodgement of an application form, the Department of Education and Training must be advised immediately of any subsequent change in circumstances, including

- family residential address;
- school attended; and/or
- bank account details.

Benefits payable are determined by the date of change, and a change of circumstances may require reassessment of applications and entitlements already paid. Students commencing or leaving school part way through the school year receive pro-rata entitlements based on the actual number of school days attended. Overpayments that may result from a change in family or student circumstances are recoverable from the date that an applicant's circumstances change.

Application forms

To apply for benefits under the QAIS Bursary, please complete all sections of the application form and return via post to the address indicated on the application form, or scan and email to scholarships@det.qld.gov.au

The application form is available from the following websites:

- <https://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/financial/ruralremote/pages/isolated.html>
- www.qldacademies.eq.edu.au

Further Information

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