# Going to an open day with ABSTUDY

## When a high school student needs to live away from home

If your child needs to move away to go to high school, ABSTUDY can help.

You can visit the school with your child before you enrol them.

The school will tell you when they have an open day. They might also call it an orientation or interview.

### Open day

An open day is a chance for you to go to the school.

You can meet the teachers and ask questions.

You can also see where your child will live while they’re away.

This might be at a boarding school, a boarding house or another kind of hostel.

ABSTUDY can pay for you and your child to travel to the school and to stay for a short visit.

This can help them get used to the idea of living away from home to study.

ABSTUDY can also pay for you and your child to visit more than one school.

### Before the open day

You need to claim ABSTUDY before you travel. To claim, call the ABSTUDY line on 1800 132 317.

You also need to wait until ABSTUDY has approved your claim.

Let the school know you want to come to their open day. The school will work with ABSTUDY to book travel for you and your child.

### Choosing a school

When you’ve chosen a school, ABSTUDY can pay for more visits. This is if your child is moving away from a remote town or community for the first time.

A few visits before first term starts can help your child settle into their new school.

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### For more information

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