# How ABSTUDY helps students to succeed

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

ABSTUDY helps students make the leap from primary school to living away from home for high school.

It can cost a lot to live away from home to study. That’s why there are extra ABSTUDY payments.

## Pays boarding fees

ABSTUDY helps with boarding fees so your child can live away from home to go to school. They could live in a boarding school, boarding house or hostel, or they could board privately.

ABSTUDY may not cover the full boarding fees. Talk to your child’s school about other ways you could get help with fees.

## Pays school fees

ABSTUDY also helps with school fees. This includes tuition fees, school subject fees and locker and book hire.

## Pays living costs

If you get Family Tax Benefit for your child, this won’t stop. You can keep getting it the whole time they get ABSTUDY as a boarding student.

## Gets your child to school and home again

ABSTUDY pays for you to take your child to school and home again for holidays.

## Keeps you connected to your child

You can visit your child’s school when they have an important school event like:

* a sporting event
* a school play
* an award ceremony
* NAIDOC week events
* graduation
* a parent teacher interview.

You can also travel to the school if your child is at risk of dropping out or being expelled. This includes if they want to leave because they’re homesick.

## Keeps your child connected to family, community and culture

Your child can get trips for reasons like:

* cultural or community events
* Sorry Business
* family emergencies.

ABSTUDY — Help for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians with the costs of study.

### For more information

* [**servicesaustralia.gov.au/abstudy**](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/abstudy)
* ABSTUDY line **1800 132 317**

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