Isolated Children's Parents' Association Queensland

ADVOCACY PORTFOLIO

Financial Assistance

What we're working on

Distance Education Supervisor Subsidy – Advocate for financial recognition of families supervising learning at home.

Boarding Affordability – Seek Living Away from Home Allowance Scheme (LAFHAS) increases that keep pace with rising boarding costs.

Interstate Boarding – Extend LAFHAS eligibility to Queensland students boarding interstate.

Timely Payments – Ensure LAFHAS Special Circumstances payments are received before Term 1 begins.

Federal Assistance – Support ICPA Australia's advocacy for increased Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) allowances.

Breaking down financial barriers so every rural and remote student can access the education and opportunities they deserve.

What we've achieved

LAFHAS Increase – Secured a $4,000 per student increase in 2023.

Special Circumstances – Prompted a government review of the LAFHAS Special Circumstances process in 2026.

Financial Support – Secured LAFHAS assistance for remote boarding students and the drought supplement.

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Advocating for equitable education, opportunities and support for rural and remote students.