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**SCHOLARSHIP**  
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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR...

Dear Readers,

Wishing you all a happy new year as 2020 gets under way. This issue of News & Views is our Scholarship & Back to School Edition and we hope it provides some helpful information as the school year begins.

Many Queensland boarding schools have provided information on scholarships, bursaries or assistance that is available to rural and remote students. I sincerely thank these schools for sharing this information and congratulate them on doing



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what they can to support our regional students. If you are interested in any of the schools and what they offer pick up the phone or drop them an email (and say you saw them in News & Views).

We have also included some other general scholarships/ grants/bursaries that are on offer for tertiary students. If you have a student at university it pays to search the particular university for what they

may offer - usually each uni website has a scholarships search function and you never know what you might find. It's also worth reading up on the Youth Allowance that students and apprentices may be eligible for.

We have also included assistance available from state and federal governments. It is imperative that you apply for this assistance as soon as possible as processing can take some time. Remember that if you have been receiving the Living Away From Home Allowance you must reapply each year (which can be done online) and you must also update your details for the Assistance for Isolated Children allowance.

Whether you have early years, primary, secondary or tertiary/trade/training students, we hope this edition of News & Views has something useful for your family.

Until next edition,

Natalie Editor

MEMBERS RECOMMENDATIONS



FACEBOOK

@studentupdate

An official page of the Australian Govt Department of Human Services that aims to help students keep up-to-date with information about news, support services and payments from Centrelink, Medicare, and the Dept of Human Services.



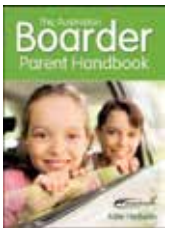
WEBSITE



BOOK

'The Boarding Parents' Handbook'

The Boarding Parents' Handbook by Kate Hadwen. ICPA highly recommends this book for all families considering the boarding school journey, families already on the journey or maybe even for a friend. [www.hbe.com.au/the-australian-boarder-parent-handbook.html](http://www.hbe.com.au/the-australian-boarder-parent-handbook.html)



GAME

'Scootle'

[www.scootle.edu.au/ec/p/home](http://www.scootle.edu.au/ec/p/home).

A national repository that provides Australian schools with more than 20,000 digital resources aligned to the Australian Curriculum. Scootle is free for Australian educators, registration allows you to access 20000 digital and learning resources.



MOBILE APP

'Kahoot'

This app makes it easy to turn your class into a gameshow. All you have to do is enter your prepared questions and answers into the site to create an instantly playable game. Your students can then download the Kahoot app to use as a buzzer to join in on the fun.



WEBSITE

'Pocket Money'

A fun AUSTRALIAN game that teaches kids important concepts about money. It provides them with opportunities to use coins & notes to purchase items and give change (good for grades 1-4).



'ABC Reading Eggs'

This AWESOME website is for early learners and makes learning to read interesting and engaging with great online games and activities. It even has a free 30 day trial.



ONE LOW  
FEE FOR ALL

TUITION + BOARDING = \$19,167 YEAR 7, 8, 9  
= \$19,262 YEAR 10  
= \$20,007 YEAR 11, 12

FAMILY DISCOUNTS APPLY

APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7 2021 CLOSE  
Wednesday 1 April 2020

[www.tccr.com.au](http://www.tccr.com.au)

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Catholic, Co-educational, Boarding College in the Diocese of Rockhampton  
GIRLS' BOARDING 265 AGNES STREET

BOYS' BOARDING 104 DERBY STREET

[WWW.TCCR.COM.AU](http://WWW.TCCR.COM.AU)

07 4999 1300



“Act as if what you do makes a difference. IT DOES.”

– William James

I know I’m probably preaching to the converted with this quote, however I think it’s a timely reminder at the beginning of a new year! Every little thing we do for our children makes a difference in one way or another. ICPA members are generally not people who will sit back and wait for somebody else to step up – we are at the forefront of making a difference for our children’s education and therefore their future. So here’s to a new year of ‘making a difference’ – hopefully with an election looming our opportunities to push forward and receive some positive outcomes are heightened!

As we head back into the ‘school’ term many of you will have had Christmas holidays with your children home from boarding school or university. I realise that also meant extra hands on the property – feeding, watering, mustering and yard work – isn’t that what school holidays is all about? Extra hands (and cheap ones at that!). For many it will also have been a time where some of the children will have seen the reality of the extensive drought at home for the first time in a few months. This can be really confronting for kids and the mental health of our children is another issue which State Council continue to battle for.

We look forward to travelling to Brisbane in late March to actively lobby our MP’s at Parliament House, meet with Minister Grace and the Department of Education representatives. It is through these face to face meetings that State Council is able to put forward the facts of the hardships continuing to face our member families, combined with the raw emotion of those that are living this hardship on a daily basis.

State Conference is quickly approaching once again and State Council thanks the very capable Roma Branch for working so tirelessly to ensure a fantastic break for all those attending. Please ensure that your branch takes the time to discuss any ongoing issues you may have within your area and if necessary, put them into motion format. Motions for 2020 close on the 27th April and supplementary motions close on the 26th May. These motions play such an important part in writing and rewriting our policy each year, so ensure that your branch doesn’t miss the deadline! Remember that you don’t have to submit a motion just because you are attending conference – however what greater opportunity than to stand up, be heard and ‘make a difference’!

A huge shout out to some other special people who have ‘made a difference’ over the last few months in our state. Our firefighters are certainly very special people in our rural communities and the hours of commitment they have shown during such a dry



Tammie Irons

summer are tantamount to the spirit of our country people. Our thoughts are with members who have been affected by these fires as well as those who continue to suffer the drought, and here’s to a very wet few months ahead for all.

Cheers,  
Tammie

**100 YEARS**  
**Blackheath & Thornburgh College**  
*Centenary Scholarships for 2020*  
**are still open - APPLY NOW!**  
.....  
We are welcoming enrolment applications for 2020 and 2021 - Join Us!  
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# Marist Boarding Years 7 to 12

## Making Boarding Affordable for Families

Since 1940, the education of boys from rural and international areas has been at the core of Marist College Ashgrove. Today, despite more than 80 years of change, boarding families remain vital to the Ashgrove spirit.

We recognise that boarding families can face financial strain in sending their children to boarding school, and this is why the College now offers a discount on tuition and boarding fees for families with more than one child.

The new boarding fee structure consists of two parts:

**Option 1:**

If a family has more than one son who is currently boarding at Marist College Ashgrove or who has previously attended the College they will be entitled to a discount on their boarding and tuition fees.

The first son who attends Marist College Ashgrove will pay 100% of their boarding and tuition fees

The second son who attends at Marist College Ashgrove will receive a 25% discount off their boarding and tuition fees

The third son who attends at Marist College Ashgrove will receive a 50% discount off their boarding and tuition fees

**Option 2:**

If a Boarder with no brothers, but has a sister/s currently at any boarding school in Australia, they will receive a 20% discount on their boarding and tuition fees at Marist College Ashgrove.

Marist College Ashgrove has extensive facilities and resources available for all boys to explore and achieve academic excellence. A major advantage of our boarding experience is the fact that the learning never stops. Your son is immersed in an educational environment, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and even when they’re outside the classroom, they’re still learning important life skills.

For further information call (07) 3858 4507 or email [enrol@marash.qld.edu.au](mailto:enrol@marash.qld.edu.au) or apply online at [www.marash.qld.edu.au](http://www.marash.qld.edu.au)



**MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE**  
A Catholic boys’ day and boarding College in the Marist Tradition



## A QUICK UPDATE FROM ARAMAC MUTTABURRA

Welcome everyone to 2020! Another exciting year ahead, let's hope that this one brings everyone the rain that is so badly needed everywhere.

The end of 2019 saw us wrap up in November with our AGM to elect our office bearers for 2020. We welcome back on board Emma Hay as our enthusiastic president, Jill Dyer as our happy vice president, Jane McClelland returns as our busy secretary, and Liz Wehl as our tireless treasurer. I am stepping into the role as Publicity officer and this looks to be as busy a year for us as 2019 was, if not busier!

The annual mango fundraiser in December was a great success, being extremely well supported within the community. 64 trays of mangoes were sold, something we all look forward to before Christmas.

We attended many fundraising events in the 2019 year, Barcaldine May Day Weekend – Rev Fest, Alpha Races, Muttaborra Sheep Show, Muttaborra Races and Muttaborra Campdraft. Many of these were operated with the amazing support of Therese Yore providing her Saltbush Kebabs van, which enables us to provide catering for community events. It would not be possible without the help of Therese, and the wonderful volunteers who step in to make and sell the kebabs.

Due to the great success of these events as fundraising opportunities in 2019, we are hoping to attend similar events in 2020, including Barcaldine May Day weekend in May, Alpha Races in June, and Westech in Barcaldine in September. Keep your eye out for us at these events!

We are looking forward to conference in Roma this year, and are busy working on motions that are affecting our kids through Distance



Education and the Small Schools in our communities. Costs of education, distance and issues with educating our kids using technology are some of the main factors that affect our members, like many others around this big brown state.

We are looking to boost membership within our communities, with many young families coming on board, and look forward to some new faces and new places in 2020.

*Genevieve Hawkins*  
Publicity Officer

## TAROOM-WANDOAN RECOGNISES HARD WORK

Every year The Taroom-Wandoan ICPA branch donate a monetary gift to all the schools in our area. This award goes to a child who shows continued hard work that is not necessarily winning a major award at the end of year presentations. One of our very generous ICPA members at the Guluguba State School, has organised an honour board to represent this award. Congratulations to all the recipients over the years and well done to Miffy Staines, Guluguba, for arranging this honour board and ensuring these well-deserved recipients are recognised in years to come.



New honour board for the Taroom-Wandoan ICPA Award

## SCHOLARSHIP EDITION

### SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP LISTINGS

Many schools across Queensland offer scholarships that may assist with your children's education costs. These scholarships need to be carefully considered and often must be applied for in the year preceding commencement of study. Please take your time perusing what these schools have to offer. If you are considering applying it is advisable to contact the school as soon as possible to ensure you get the most up to date information.

*Sincere thanks to the schools listed here that have graciously provided information that may assist our rural and remote families and students.*

#### All Souls St Gabriels School Charters Towers



#### Scholarships/Assistance Offered

In 2021, All Souls St Gabriels School will offer selected Academic Scholarships to students entering Years 7 and 11, as well as Music Scholarships which are open to Secondary students. Scholarship Application forms are available on the School Website or by contacting the School Office.

- Scholarship Applications Close 6 March 2020
- Scholarship Exam - Saturday 21 March 2020

#### CONTACT: Enrolments

Phone: 07 4787 1433 Email: enrolments@allsouls.qld.edu.au

[www.allsouls.qld.edu.au](http://www.allsouls.qld.edu.au)

#### Blackheath & Thornburgh College King Street, Charters Towers



Blackheath & Thornburgh  
College

#### Scholarships/Assistance Offered

Opportunities for 2020 Scholarships **STILL OPEN!** The Blackheath & Thornburgh College Board is proud to announce Centenary Scholarships for 2020. These are for students who will be in Years 7 to 11 inclusive.

#### We are offering:

- Academic Scholarships
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) Scholarships
- General Excellence Scholarships

There is an expectation that students will contribute to the co-curricular life of the College. Applications are strongly encouraged from prospective Boarding Students and Day Students.

#### CONTACT: Mrs Kerry Bignell, Registrar

Phone: 07 4787 5100 Email: registrar@btc.qld.edu.au

[www.btc.qld.edu.au](http://www.btc.qld.edu.au)

#### Columba Catholic College Hacket Terrace, Charters Towers



#### Scholarships/Assistance Offered

**St. Columille Bursary:** For students in Years 3-12 who display all round academic achievement; excellent attendance; and contribution to leadership, sport, cultural or spiritual areas of school life. It is awarded to up to five students in any one calendar year.

#### CONTACT: Enrolment Registrar

Phone: 07 4787 1744 Email: office@columba.catholic.edu.au

[www.columba.catholic.edu.au/bursaries/st-columille-bursary](http://www.columba.catholic.edu.au/bursaries/st-columille-bursary)



**Downlands College**  
72 Ruthven Street, Toowoomba



### Scholarships/Assistance Offered

Please contact the College about Scholarships (Academic, Performing Arts, All Rounder), Hardship Bursaries for Boarders, Scholarships of Excellence and Extended Payment Plans

**CONTACT: Ms Merilyn Rohde**, Enrolments Coordinator  
**Phone:** 07 4690 9555 **Email:** enrol@downlands.qld.edu.au  
**www.downlands.qld.edu.au**

**Fairholme College**  
Wirra Wirra St, Toowoomba



### Scholarships/Assistance Offered

- Academic Scholarships
- Board of Directors' Bursary
- Music Scholarships
- Means-tested Fee Remission

**CONTACT: Emily Veal**  
**Phone:** 07 4688 4635 **Email:** emily.veal@fairholme.qld.edu.au  
**www.fairholme.qld.edu.au**

**Marist College Ashgrove**

142 Frasers Road,  
Ashgrove, Brisbane



### Scholarships/Assistance Offered

- Boarding Discount for siblings / families
- Year 7 and Year 8 Boarding Scholarships
- Indigenous Scholarships
- Bursaries have been established to offer the gift of a Marist education to those for whom full tuition is out of reach.

**CONTACT: Enrolments Office**  
**Phone:** 07 3858 4507 **Email:** enrol@marash.qld.edu.au  
**www.marash.qld.edu.au/enrolments/bursaries**

**Stuartholme School**

Birdwood Terrace,  
Toowong, Brisbane



### Scholarships/Assistance Offered

- Sister Mary Brennan Scholarships of Excellence for entrance in Year 7, 10 and 11 in 2021.
- Centenary Boarding Bursary for new Year 7 and 9 students wishing to board in 2021.

**CONTACT: Natasha Pay**, Registrar  
**Phone:** 07 3510 6419 **Email:** enrolments@stuartholme.com  
**www.stuartholme.com**

**St Brendan's College**

Adelaide Park Road, Yeppoon



### Scholarships/Assistance Offered

- Edmund Rice Bursaries to support families in financial need.
- 50% boarding discount for first 20 new Year 7 & 10 Boarders for 2021\*.
- LIVING AWAY FROM HOME ASSISTANCE for Isolated Children & other support

**CONTACT: Kylie Hedges**, Enrolments Officer  
**Phone:** 07 4939 9485 **Email:** hedgesk@sbcl.qld.edu.au  
**www.stbrendands.qld.edu.au**

**St Joseph's Nudgee College**

2199 Sandgate Rd,  
Boondall, Brisbane



### Scholarships/Assistance Offered

- Academic Scholarship
- Music Scholarship
- Leadership Scholarship
- Bush Boarding Bursary
- Boarding and ICPA Bursary
- College Bursary
- Indigenous Education Program

**CONTACT: Admissions**  
**Phone:** 07 3865 0422 **Email:** admissions@nudgee.qld.edu.au  
**www.nudgee.com/admissions/bursaries-and-scholarships**

**St Margarets Anglican Girls School**

Petrie Street, Ascot, Brisbane



### Scholarships/Assistance Offered

- Academic Scholarships
- Mathematics Scholarships
- Arts Performance Scholarships (Music, Visual Arts, Cultural)
- Sports Performance Scholarships
- Needs-Based Boarding Bursaries

All scholarship applicants sit the ACER Scholarship exam on Saturday 29 February 2020. Applications close Monday 10 February.

**CONTACT: Mrs Judy Robinson**, Secondary and Boarding Admissions  
**Phone:** (07) 3862 0762 **Email:** admissions@stmargarets.qld.edu.au  
**www.stmargarets.qld.edu.au/admissions/scholarships-and-bursaries**

**St Peters Lutheran College**

66 Harts Road,  
Indooroopilly, Brisbane



### Scholarships/Assistance Offered

- Excellence Scholarships (Sport & Music)
- Boarding Scholarships for Years 7 - 11
- Rural Leadership Scholarship for Years 10 - 11

**CONTACT:**  
**Ross Thompson**, Director of Community Engagement  
**Phone:** 07 3377 6580 **Email:** R.Thomson@stpeters.qld.edu.au  
**www.stpeters.qld.edu.au/indooroopilly/enrol/scholarships**

**St Ursula's College Toowoomba**

38 Taylor Street, Toowoomba



### Scholarships/Assistance Offered

There are several scholarships and bursaries offered so visit the school website or contact the school directly

**CONTACT:**  
**Tanya Appleby**, Principal  
**Phone:** 4632 7611  
**Email:** enrolment@st-ursula.qld.edu.au  
**www.st-ursula.qld.edu.au**



### St Ursula's College Yeppoon

Queen Street, Yeppoon



#### Scholarships/Assistance Offered

- Scholarships are open to prospective and current Day and Boarding students. Current applications close July 2020 for commencement in 2021 School Year.
- Sibling discount available; for those families where more than one student is in attendance at a Catholic school within the Rockhampton Diocese, a discount is offered on the Tuition Fee (not Boarding fee or special levies) based on the number of students in the family attending a Catholic school.

**CONTACT:** Mrs Natalie Salisbury, Business Development Officer

Phone: 07 4939 9600 Email: natalies@stursulas.qld.edu.au

[www.stursulas.qld.edu.au](http://www.stursulas.qld.edu.au)

### The Cathedral College Rockhampton

189 William Street, Rockhampton



#### Scholarships/Assistance Offered

The Cathedral College, a Catholic Boarding College in the heart of Queensland, Rockhampton provides separate Boarding accommodation for both Boys and Girls to flourish. The College's attractive Tuition and Boarding fees for all, Family Discount and excellent Catholic Education provided is ideal for families seeking exciting and promising futures for their sons and daughters.

**CONTACT:** Mrs Meg Halberstater, Enrolments Officer

Phone: 4999 1300 Email: enrolments@tccr.com.au

[www.tccr.com.au](http://www.tccr.com.au)

### The Cathedral School of St Anne & St James

154 Ross River Road, Townsville



**The Cathedral School**  
of St Anne & St James  
TOWNSVILLE

#### Scholarships/Assistance Offered

- Academic Scholarships: Entry to Yr 4, Yr 7 + Yr 10
- Indigenous Scholarships: Scholarships offered in partnership with AIEF or CYLP (Entry to Years 7 - 11)
- Other Scholarships: Boarding, Music, Sporting + Church (Years 7-9 or Years 10-12).

**CONTACT:** Mrs Jane Passmore, Registrar

Phone: 07 4722 2000 Email: registrar@cathedral.qld.edu.au

[www.cathedral.qld.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.cathedral.qld.edu.au/scholarships)

### Toowoomba Anglican School

2 Campbell St, Toowoomba



#### Scholarships/Assistance Offered

- Academic
- Music and Performing Arts
- General Excellence

**CONTACT:** Elizabeth Stewart

Phone: 07 4639 8111 Email: enrolments@taschool.qld.edu.au

[www.taschool.qld.edu.au](http://www.taschool.qld.edu.au)

### Toowoomba Grammar School

24 Margaret St Toowoomba



#### Scholarships/Assistance Offered

- Academic bursaries
- Sporting bursaries
- Cultural bursaries

**CONTACT:** Benn Foley, Director of Enrolments & Marketing

Phone: 07 4687 2519 Email: b.foley@twgs.qld.edu.au

[www.twgs.qld.edu.au](http://www.twgs.qld.edu.au)

### Townsville Grammar School



#### Scholarships/Assistance Offered

- **Academic Scholarships:** Closing date - Monday, 18 May
- **Music Bursaries:** Closing date - Round 1: Monday, 20 April; Round 2: Thursday 17 September
- **Boarding Bursaries:** Closing date - Friday, 31 July
- **Sports Scholarships:** Applications are accepted year round
- **General Excellence Bursaries:** Applications are accepted year round

**CONTACT:** Mrs Kristell Scott, Director of Enrolments

Phone: 47224900 or 0409 054 107 Email: enrolments@tgs.qld.edu.au

[www.tgs.qld.edu.au](http://www.tgs.qld.edu.au)

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**JOIN US!**  
**BOARDER EXPERIENCE DAYS**  
**19 & 20 APRIL 2020**

Townsville Grammar





## SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

You will find below a selection of scholarships, bursaries and grants offered by various organisations for both secondary and tertiary students. This list is not absolute and ICPA Qld encourages you to do lots of research when looking for ways to support your students. Most schools and universities offer their own scholarships/ bursaries and it is well worth looking at their individual websites to see what is available.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

### Future Teachers Bursary Available to Year 11 & 12 Students

Senior students who want to become a teacher can receive financial support to help fast-track their teaching degree.

#### Eligible recipients can:

- Complete tertiary subjects while finishing school
- Have the costs of those subjects covered
- Receive up to \$200 to help with other study related costs

For more information and to apply visit [teach.qld.gov.au/scholarships-and-grants/future-teachers-bursary](http://teach.qld.gov.au/scholarships-and-grants/future-teachers-bursary)

# Teach Queensland

### TJ Ryan Memorial Medal & Scholarships

Up to 10 TJ Ryan Memorial Medal and Scholarships are awarded each year, to support exemplary Queensland students to pursue tertiary studies.

State and non-state secondary schools can nominate one high achieving year 12 student for this award. Nominees should demonstrate outstanding leadership in their school and community and academic excellence.

Each year, the Queensland Department of Education awards:

- up to 10 TJ Ryan Memorial Medalists:  
a scholarship of up to \$10,000 over 5 years  
a certificate of recognition
- up to 5 TJ Ryan Highly Commended awards:  
a one-off cash payment of \$1,000  
a certificate of recognition
- up to 20 TJ Ryan Merit awards:  
a certificate of merit.

For more information visit [education.qld.gov.au/about-us/budgets-funding-grants/scholarships/tj-ryan-memorial-medal-scholarships](http://education.qld.gov.au/about-us/budgets-funding-grants/scholarships/tj-ryan-memorial-medal-scholarships)

## MORE THAN AN EDUCATION

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# DISCOVERY DAY

## THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 2020

Come and experience a 'day in the life' of a St Brendan's student. Aimed at Year 6 students commencing Year 7 in 2021, we also welcome students from other year levels considering boarding and SBC in 2021.

**RSVP: 4th March, 2020.**

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT available for families.

- ✓ **EDMUND RICE BURSARIES** to support families in financial need. Apply within.
- ✓ **50% BOARDING DISCOUNT** for first 20 new Year 7 & 10 Boarders for 2021\*.
- ✓ **LIVING AWAY FROM HOME ASSISTANCE** for Isolated Children & other support.
- ✓ **DUE TO UNPRECEDENTED INTEREST** we encourage families to inquire and enrol early to avoid disappointment.

\*Contact us for full details & terms and conditions.

**For further details  
please contact the  
College.**



## TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

### QCOAL Foundation JCU Scholarship

Do you know a Year 12 student from a regional or remote area who might be eligible to apply for a \$30,000 QCoal Foundation scholarship to study at James Cook University next year? Applicants need to be starting their first year of any Bachelor degree in 2020, or in their first or second year of a Geology or Earth Science degree. Applications close 30 January, 2020. Visit [www.qcoalfoundation.org](http://www.qcoalfoundation.org) for details.

**QCOAL FOUNDATION**  
BUILDING RESILIENT REGIONAL & REMOTE COMMUNITIES

**2020 APPLICATIONS OPEN**

2017 recipient and Veterinary Science student  
Mel Marryn with QCoal Foundation CEO Sylvia Bhatta

**QCOAL Foundation**

**JCU SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

### Teach Queensland Scholarships and Grants

Whether you're considering teaching as a career, looking to gain valuable teaching experience in a rural or remote community, or transitioning into teaching, Teach Qld provides many opportunities for financial support.

- Aspiring Teacher Grant - is for year 12 graduates from Qld schools and provides a one-off payment of up to \$5,000
- Beyond the Range Professional Experience Grant - is for preservice teachers and can provide up to \$5,000/placement
- Future Teachers Bursary - is for secondary school students in a Qld state school completing year 11 or 12.

### Rural & Regional Enterprise Scholarships Program

This scholarship program is an initiative of the Australian Government Department of Education & Training. The Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships Program improves access to and completion of tertiary education courses.

The scholarships are open to students from regional and remote areas in Australia.

#### The program aims to:

- increase the number of students entering tertiary education
- increase the number of students able to undertake their preferred course of study, irrespective of their location
- increase program participants' rate of course completion relative to their peers.

This scholarship has not opened for 2020, but advice from the department is to continue checking the website regularly for the updated application forms.

[www.qtac.edu.au/rres-program/about](http://www.qtac.edu.au/rres-program/about)



- Pearl Duncan Teaching Scholarship - is for aspiring teachers and preservice teachers
- Rural & Remote Graduate Teacher Scholarship - is for preservice teachers providing a one-off payment of \$15,000

For more information on the Teach Queensland scholarships and grants visit the website <https://teach.qld.gov.au/scholarships-and-grants>

### Useful Websites

#### Study Assist

A helpful website that provides information for students about government assistance for financing tertiary study.

[www.studyassist.gov.au](http://www.studyassist.gov.au)



#### Study Queensland

A useful search tool that provides information on assistance available at Qld Universities. They also have a Facebook page that provides links and up-to-date information.

[www.studyqueensland.qld.gov.au/Study/Scholarships](http://www.studyqueensland.qld.gov.au/Study/Scholarships)



### The Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Scholarship for Rural & Regional Students

This is a scholarship for students living in rural and regional Australia. It is only for first-time, first year university students who can demonstrate the disadvantage (economic and/or social) hindering their ability to undertake further study. The scholarship is valued at \$5,000.

More information can be found at [www.bendigobank.com.au/community/scholarships](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/community/scholarships)



#### Dept. Employment, Small Business & Training

This website provides information on scholarships and financial support available for students who are doing vocational (VET) courses. Their Facebook page is also worth following, find them at Skills for Queensland @skillsforqld

[www.desbt.qld.gov.au/training/training-careers/incentives/scholarships](http://www.desbt.qld.gov.au/training/training-careers/incentives/scholarships)



#### Country Education Foundation of Australia

Country Education Foundation (CEF) is a national not-for-profit organisation helping rural and regional youth access education, training and jobs through grants, scholarships, support services and resources.

[www.cef.org.au](http://www.cef.org.au)





### Coonellan Airways Scholarship

Connellan Airways Trust is a national Trust supporting people in Outback Australia. We aim to provide opportunities for development of individuals and families living on stations and in isolated and rural communities.

The Trust provides grants that aim to support a range of goals and reduce the challenges of isolation and distance often experienced in Outback Australia. We recognise and cultivate the resilience, strength and determination of those living out bush; we see people as the ultimate assets in Outback Australia.

The Trust often provides opportunities and tools like resources for students studying via distance education, or travel expenses for health and wellbeing experiences, or support for innovative ideas. With focuses on education, health and wellbeing and development or passionate endeavours, the Trust assists people to thrive in Outback Australia, no matter where they are located.

Connellan Airways Trust is the legacy Trust of Connellan Airlines. Founder EJ Connellan and the shareholders of the NT pioneering based airline, established the Trust in 1981 to acknowledge people committed to living and working out bush, the challenges they faced due to isolation and distance and to encourage development of those living in Outback Australia. Since then the Trust has provided nearly \$4 million in grants to people in isolated and rural places supporting a variety of endeavours.

General Grants available by application in March, June, September and December for individuals and organisations in isolated and rural places.

EJ Connellan Award supporting education, health and innovation up to \$20,000. Applications close at the end of January each year.

The Roger Connellan Award supporting excellence in Aviation up to \$20,000. Applications close in July each year.

Schools of the Air/Schools of Distance Education Accommodation Grants are offered to several schools to assist parents whilst attending in-school events. Parents should apply directly to their school to access this funding.

Connellan Airways Trust University Scholarships: The Trust partners with CQ University to offer scholarships to Outback Students. Application to the scholarship program is accessed via their website [www.cqu.edu.au](http://www.cqu.edu.au)

The Trust encourages prospective applicants to contact the Executive Officer for a conversation (free

call 1800 733 810), and to apply via the website: [www.connellanairwaystrust.org.au](http://www.connellanairwaystrust.org.au).

We thank our supporters; whose donations contribute to the work of the Trust supporting people in Outback Australia.

## CONNELLAN AIRWAYS TRUST

The Connellan Airways Trust was established to assist the people who reside in the remote areas of Outback Australia with **financial support for any worthwhile project**, particularly involving education, communication, transport and health services.

The Trust welcomes all enquiries.  
Contact: Jessica Hackett, Executive Officer  
**Free Call: 1800 733 810**  
Email: [info@connellanairwaystrust.org.au](mailto:info@connellanairwaystrust.org.au)  
Visit our website:  
[www.connellanairwaystrust.org.au](http://www.connellanairwaystrust.org.au)



## CBA \$2000 Tertiary Scholarship 2020

### ELIGIBILITY:

- The scholarship is available **ONLY** to students going from Year 12 directly into Tertiary studies in 2020
- The applicant's parents **MUST** be current ICPA members of any Queensland Branch
- Applicants **MUST** be undertaking **FULL-TIME** University study or a two year Diploma course at a Queensland Rural Training College in 2020

### Applicants are to submit (copies) of:

- Year 12 Results/Senior certificate.
- Proof of entry to University/College
- Two references (school based are acceptable)
- Resume of interests and achievements other than academic: e.g. sporting, cultural etc.
- Two hundred word article "WHY ME. (Student please sign this)"
- Cover page with contact details, including address, phone number and email

### APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 3 APRIL 2020

- Selection will be based on scholastic ability, evidence of non-academic personal achievement, the content of the references and commitment by the student to return to a rural area with the qualifications gained.
- Representatives of the Commonwealth Bank, ICPA or the Community will select the winner.
- Presentation to take place at recipient's closest CBA branch in June University holiday period.xt

### Send applications to:

Mrs. Fiona Owens  
YARAKA/ISISFORD ICPA  
PO Box 589 LONGREACH  
QLD 4730  
0418 870 186  
Email: [tom1898@bigpond.com](mailto:tom1898@bigpond.com)



# St Margaret's

PRE-PREP - YEAR 12 BOARDING YEARS 5-12

## Scholarship Applications Now Open

St Margaret's Anglican Girls School, in Brisbane, is proud to offer a number of scholarships and bursaries for girls entering Years 7 to 11 in 2021 in the following areas:

- Academic Scholarships
- Mathematics Scholarships
- Arts Performance Scholarships
- Sports Performance Scholarships
- Needs-Based Boarding Bursaries

Applications close Monday 10 February 2020.  
Visit [www.stmargarets.qld.edu.au](http://www.stmargarets.qld.edu.au) for further details.



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### 2021 Scholarships are NOW OPEN

In 2021, All Souls St Gabriels School will offer selected Academic Scholarships to students entering Years 7 and 11, as well as Music Scholarships which are open to Secondary students.

Scholarship Application forms are available on the School Website or by contacting the School Office.

**Scholarship Applications Close 6 March 2020**

**Scholarship Exam - Saturday 21 March 2020**

*For 100 Years, All Souls St Gabriels School has been one of Queensland's most respected co-educational Day and Boarding Schools for rural families. Offering Pre-prep to Year 12 with Boarding from Year 6 in a safe and caring environment.*

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## Boarding places available in 2020 & 2021

**2021 Years 7 & 10 Academic Scholarships**

closes 7 February

**2021 Years 7 – 11 Excellence Scholarships**

closes 1 June

**2021 Years 7 – 11 Boarding Scholarships**

closes 1 June

**2021 Years 10 – 11 Rural Leadership Scholarship**

closes 31 July

For information on these Scholarships contact:

Director of Community Engagement

[r.thomson@stpeters.qld.edu.au](mailto:r.thomson@stpeters.qld.edu.au) or 07 3377 6580

**P - 12 Co-education  
Boarding Years 6 - 12**



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# DON'T STRESS, YOUR ATAR ISN'T THE FINAL CALL...

## ...there are many ways to get into university

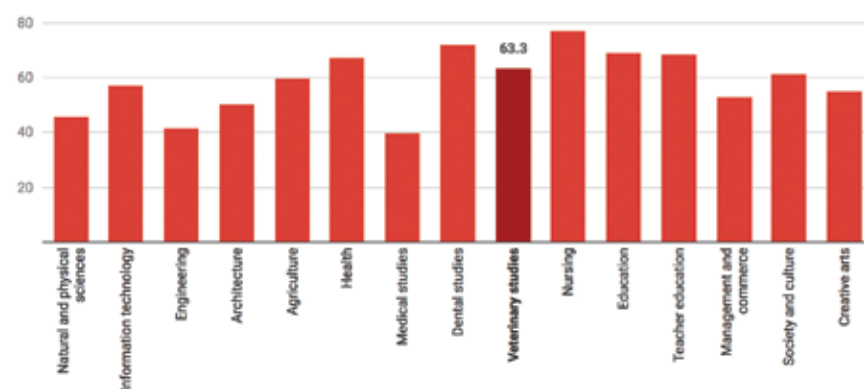
In a recent nation-wide survey by online tutoring company Cluey Learning, 75% of Australian senior students said their ATAR score would impact on the rest of their life. And more than 80% said a score under 60 would be detrimental to their life.

But here's something Australians anxious about their senior exams might be surprised to know. More students are accepted into university without an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) – a number that indicates a student's position relative to all students in their age group – than with one.

In 2018, around 279,000 people were made an offer to study at a higher education institution. Of those, more than half (around 163,000 or 58%) were accepted on criteria other than an ATAR.

This has been an ongoing trend for many years and it's not limited to a few courses or universities. In 2018, more offers were made to no-ATAR students in all but three fields of study: medicine, engineering, and the natural and physical sciences. Even then, around two out of every five offers in those courses were made to no-ATAR applicants.

**Proportion (%) of university offers, within course disciplines, made to students without an ATAR in 2018**



These figures include students admitted on the basis of having previously studied at university, but without completing a degree.

So, if you don't have an ATAR or you don't score as highly as you'd hoped, here are some ways you can still get into a university course.

### 1. Special Consideration

If factors such as a physical or mental-health issues have significantly affected your Year 11-12 studies for an extended time, you may still be eligible for university.

Special consideration programs – such as the Educational Access Schemes in NSW or the Special Entry Access Scheme in Victoria – allow students with a low ATAR or even no ATAR to apply for a course that may have an ATAR requirement they don't meet.

These programs consider many things including financial hardship, excessive family responsibilities, refugee status or a school environment where you may not have thrived as well as you could have.

Assessments are made on a case-by-case basis. Depending on the course or university, individual student circumstances might be sufficient to grant them entry to one course but not another.

### 2. Alternative Admissions Tests

If you never did Year 12, didn't get the required ATAR (or any ATAR) or completed studies outside Australia, you can sit alternative exams that can generate an ATAR.

The most well-known is the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT), developed by the Australian Council of Educational Research. As a general rule, you must be 18 years or over by a certain date in the year of admissions to use STAT results in your university application.

Some alternative admission tests are designed specifically for degrees that require a very high ATAR, such as medicine. Many universities offer graduate medicine and dentistry courses with varying requirements for entry. The basic criteria comprise an undergraduate degree and a certain mark in the Graduate Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT).

### 3. Enabling Programs

Also known as bridging or foundation programs, enabling programs are seen as alternatives to Year 12. They prepare you for an undergraduate course by providing academic and other skills necessary for university study. Programs range in length from four to 28 weeks and some are delivered online.

Enabling programs are generally free for Australian citizens and delivered by the university itself. Successfully completing an enabling program gains the student entry into a number of courses – though which ones differ between universities.

Most universities offer enabling programs. In 2017, almost 29,000 students were enrolled in enabling programs across more than 30 higher education institutions. Some give priority to people who have experienced financial or other disadvantage. Others

are designed for specific groups, such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

There are also fee-paying foundation studies programs for students who are not eligible for a free place, such as international students.

### 4. VET/TAFE Studies

Most students enrol in a vocational education and training (VET) course for its own value. But a VET program can be used similarly to an enabling program. A VET qualification can help meet university entry requirements and, in some cases, can get you credit towards the university degree.

Unlike enabling programs, VET is not free. But many VET courses and providers have access to VET Student Loans, similar to the HELP loans for university courses.

A 2015 study I participated in found disadvantaged students used the VET pathway more than the enabling pathway. However, a greater proportion of students in enabling pathways were satisfied with their pathway than VET students.

This was mostly the case when participants were asked to consider how well the pathway had prepared them for university.

### 5. Portfolio Entry

A portfolio is a collection of evidence, examples or demonstrations of how prepared a student is for university study. Traditionally, portfolios were a requirement for entry to courses that needed specific skills, such as art or design.

Now, many universities are increasingly using portfolios to give students without an ATAR the opportunity to show they have the skills, motivations and commitment required for academic success.

Each university has its own way of determining what can be used in a portfolio and how the elements relate to each other.

### Which pathway is best for you?

Ultimately, what pathway is best depends on you and your circumstances. The various pathways can make it confusing, a fact the government has recognised by implementing an Admissions Transparency Implementation Working Group. Some of the changes planned include requiring universities to provide information in a similar format and combining the five admission centre websites we have now into one national website.

In the meantime, these steps can help you make the right choice:

- decide which course you want to do
- find out which universities offer the course – the best way to do this is through the relevant state's admission centre (WA, SA and the NT, VIC, NSW and the ACT, QLD, or for Tasmania the University of Tasmania)
- identify your preferred universities – it may help to use the national Quality Indicators in Learning and Teaching resource, which provides information on things such as student experience and graduate employment
- visit each university's website and call them to find more specific information about: pathways you're eligible for; what you need to provide or exams you need to sit; what support is available to help you prepare; and whether there are costs involved.

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# QTAC | ATAR – AN OVERVIEW



From 2020, Queensland Year 12 students will be certified for tertiary entrance with the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

## WHAT IS THE ATAR?

Across Australia, the ATAR is a standard measure of a student's overall academic achievement in relation to that of other students. It is intended to assist tertiary institutions to select applicants into their courses.

The ATAR is a percentile rank, not a mark. This rank indicates a student's position relative to other students in their age group in any given year.

It's expressed as a number on a 2000-point scale from 99.95 down to 0.00 in steps of 0.05.

An ATAR of 80.00 does not mean a student got 80%. It indicates that the student placed in the top 20% of students in Queensland in their Year 12 age group.

## WHO CALCULATES AND RELEASES THE ATAR?

Responsibility for calculating and issuing the ATAR has been assigned to the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) on behalf of Queensland tertiary institutions.

QTAC administers the application and offer process for tertiary institutions in Queensland (and a few institutions interstate) and has over four decades of experience in tertiary admissions.

## WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ATAR?

To be eligible for an ATAR, a student must:

- complete five General subjects (Units 3 and 4); or
- complete four General subjects (Units 3 and 4) plus one Applied subject (at Units 3 and 4) or a VET course at AQF Certificate III level or higher; and
- accumulate results within a five-year period.

Students must also satisfactorily complete (i.e. achieve a minimum grade of C or higher) an English subject (one of English, English as an Additional Language, English and Literature Extension, Literature, or Essential English).

While students must satisfactorily complete an English subject to be eligible for an ATAR, the result in English will only be included in the ATAR calculation if it is one of the student's best five scaled results. For more information about scaling and the ATAR, refer to QTAC's website.

## PRECLUDED SUBJECTS AND SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

The following rules apply regarding precluded subjects and subject combinations in the ATAR calculation:

1. Only General English subjects or Applied English subjects can be included in the ATAR, but not both. **For example**, it is not possible to include both English (a General subject) and Essential English (an Applied subject) in a student's ATAR.
2. Only General Mathematics subjects or Applied Mathematics subjects can be included in the ATAR, but not both. **For example**, it is not possible to include both Mathematical Methods (a General subject) and Essential Mathematics (an Applied subject) in a student's ATAR.
3. Only one result for the same subject taken as a General subject and via Senior External Examination can be included in the ATAR. **For example**, it is not possible to include both the General subject Chinese and the Senior External Examination subject Chinese in a student's ATAR. Similarly, it is not possible to include both the General subject Biology and the Senior External Examination subject Biology in a student's ATAR.

There are no other restrictions on the inclusion of subjects in the ATAR, for example a student may count the following General subject results in their ATAR:

- both English and Literature
- both Mathematical Methods and Specialist Mathematics
- both Chinese and Chinese Extension

**Remember!** Some university courses have subject prerequisites that you must satisfy before you can be considered for tertiary entry so if you have a desired course(s) in mind, consider this when selecting your subjects.

For more information call us on **1300 467 822** or visit **qtac.edu.au** or email **atar@qtac.edu.au**



HOW IS THE ATAR CALCULATED?

Your ATAR is calculated based on an aggregate of scaled results from your five best ATAR eligible inputs from three different schemes:

- Five General subjects (at Units 3 and 4); or
- Four General subjects (at Units 3 and 4) plus an Applied subject (at Units 3 and 4); or
- Four General subjects (at Units 3 and 4) plus one completed VET qualification at Certificate III level or above.

The key steps in the ATAR calculation process are:

- Step 1:** QCAA provides QTAC with student’s subject results (Units 3 and 4 only) and completed VET qualifications.
- Step 2:** The subject scaling process is undertaken.
- Step 3:** The best five scaled subject results (from eligible inputs) are added together to create a best five Subject Aggregate.
- Step 4:** Students are placed in a descending order of merit based on their Best five Subject Aggregates.
- Step 5:** Determine how many students are to be in each of the 2000 ATAR bands (based on the Queensland Year 12 population). For example, if the Queensland Year 12 population is approximately 60,000 students then approximately 30 students will be placed in each ATAR band.
- Step 6:** Assign students to each ATAR band. The top 30 students are assigned ATAR 99.95, the next 30 students are assigned 99.90, and so on.

INTER-SUBJECT SCALING

*What is scaling?*

Students can study thousands of different combinations of subjects in their senior schooling and qualify for an ATAR. Scaling adjusts for the fact that it is more difficult to obtain a high result in some subjects than in others. This is not because some subjects are inherently harder or easier, it is because some subjects attract a more competitive cohort of students. Scaling ensures that students are neither advantaged nor disadvantaged based on the subjects they choose. Each state in Australia uses a scaling process in the calculation of the ATAR. In Queensland, subject results are scaled by QTAC.

There is some complex mathematics that underpins the scaling process, but as a simplified explanation, scaling is the process by which ‘raw’ subject results are adjusted to allow the results for each subject to be fairly compared with the results from any other subject for the purpose of calculating ATARs. The scaling process will adjust the raw results in each subject to take account of how well students achieve in their subjects and how difficult it is to achieve a particular result in the subject relative to achievements in all other subjects.

Refer to the QTAC website for more information about scaling.

WHO GETS AN ATAR?

**Queensland Year 12 students:** QTAC calculates an ATAR for all Queensland Year 12 students who have met ATAR eligibility requirements.

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YOUR QCE AND YOUR ATAR

Your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and your ATAR are different and have different purposes.

QCE	ATAR
Certifies learning, showing the individual has achieved a specific standard of education at senior schooling level and may be considered for further study and employment.	Tells us about a student’s position (or ranking) compared to all other students in the state. The only intended purpose for the ATAR is to assist with selecting applicants for tertiary study.
Shows a set of results across QCE subjects. Your results in a subject show your performance in the subject against every student who took the subject.	Your ATAR measures your position (or ranking) against the whole Queensland Year 12 age cohort, where a variety of combinations of subjects have been studied. Is based on scaled results.
Is awarded and released by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA).	Is calculated and released by QTAC.

THE ATAR AND TERTIARY SELECTION

Most tertiary courses administered by QTAC attract more applicants than there are places available. This requires applicants to be placed in a merit order (i.e. ‘ranked’) to allow selection to take place.

The first step when selecting applicants is to check whether the applicants have met the prerequisites for the courses for which they have applied (for example some Bachelor of Physiotherapy courses will have a science subject prerequisite). If you have not successfully completed these prerequisite subjects you will not be considered for entry to the course, regardless of your ATAR.

The second step is to rank all applicants who satisfy the prerequisites for that course. For most courses, current school-leavers are ranked using the ATAR.

Some courses may have additional selection criteria, such as portfolio, interview, audition, questionnaire or test.

Prerequisites and additional selection criteria will be listed in the course description in the *QTAC Guide* and on the QTAC website.

ATAR AS THE STANDARD PATHWAY TO TERTIARY STUDY

ATAR will be the standard pathway used to determine entry for most tertiary courses (in addition to other entry requirements such as subject prerequisites).

ATAR will not be the only pathway to tertiary study for all courses however. Other pathways include:

- **VET qualifications as a stand-alone basis of admission:** Individual institution policies will apply as to whether VET qualifications such as AQF Certificates III and IV, Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas can be used to gain admission to a course. Refer to the institution website or QTAC website for more information.
- **Courses where ATAR is not a selection factor:** Most TAFE VET courses, and some university tertiary preparation courses and other courses may not require an ATAR for entry. Refer to the relevant institution website or the QTAC website for more information about course entry requirements.

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- **Bridging and preparation courses:** Completion of approved bridging, pathway or preparation courses can lead to entry to your preferred tertiary course. Refer to institution websites or the QTAC website for more information.
- **Other admissions pathways:** Refer to institution websites for additional information on other admissions pathways.

ATAR AND ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

Adjustment factors (previously referred to as ‘bonus points’) are additional points that may be added to an applicant’s ATAR (or other rank) to derive an adjusted selection rank for a particular course at a particular institution. They do not change the ATAR.

Each institution has its own criteria for when adjustment factors can apply. They may not be applicable for all courses or all applicants. All institutions limit the maximum adjustments that will apply to your selection rank (for example some may cap the increase to your selection rank to 5 points). Common types of adjustment factors include:

- Equity adjustment: if an applicant has experienced difficult circumstances or disadvantage
- Subject adjustment: if a current Year 12 applicant has undertaken a secondary subject in a Language Other than English (LOTE) or Specialist Mathematics, or university enrichment courses
- Location adjustment: if an applicant has resided in certain areas
- Elite athlete adjustment: if an applicant is an elite athlete

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ATAR?

For more information about the ATAR refer to QTAC’s website or contact QTAC at:

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Email: [atar@qtac.edu.au](mailto:atar@qtac.edu.au)

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GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Depending on your circumstances your child may be eligible for various government assistance for their primary and secondary schooling. The following information relates to various State and Federal government support. ICPA Qld strongly recommends that you check your eligibility for these allowances and visit the websites to get the most up to date information.

ASSISTANCE FOR ISOLATED CHILDREN (AIC) SCHEME

[www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/assistance-for-isolated-children-scheme](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/assistance-for-isolated-children-scheme)

AIC is a group of payments for parents and carers of children who can’t go to a local government school because of geographical isolation, disability or special needs. This is administered via Centrelink.

Eligibility

Your child must meet living requirements, age requirements and study requirements, as well as one of the following isolation conditions:

- Geographically isolated
- Have a special education need
- No reasonable access to a school
- Changing circumstances

What You’ll Get

If you meet the requirements and isolation conditions for the Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme, you’ll get one of the following:

- Boarding Allowance
- Distance Education Allowance
- Second Home Allowance
- Pensioner Education Supplement

Age Requirements

Your child needs to be:

- at least the minimum primary school entry age for your state or territory, and
- younger than 19 on 1 January of the study year.

Or they need to be:

- at least 3 years and 6 months old and have to live away from home due to a health condition or disability
- under 20 on 1 January in the study year, with a serious disruption to their education, such as illness or language difficulties
- under 21 and studying at primary or ungraded level and getting Disability Support Pension, or Parenting Payment single
- doing tertiary study to meet their state or territory minimum education or training requirements.

Study Requirements

Your child needs to be studying full time. They must be doing primary, secondary or other approved study. You may get Assistance for Isolated Children if your child does approved full time tertiary study because they don’t have access to a state secondary school. Your child must also meet one of the following isolation conditions:

- be geographically isolated
- have a special education need
- have no reasonable access to a school, or
- have changing circumstances.

Geographically Isolated

You’re geographically isolated if:

- your family home is 56 km or more from the nearest suitable government school, or
- your family home is 16 km or more from the nearest suitable government school and at least 4.5 km away from the nearest transport to school
- your family home is 16 km or more from the nearest suitable government school and your child has no transport to get there, or
- your child can’t get to the nearest suitable government school for at least 20 school days a year due to circumstances beyond your control.

Special Education Need

You may be eligible if a child can’t go to the local government school because:

- they need to study from home for health reasons or pregnancy, or
- the family home is geographically isolated from the nearest suitable government school because:
  - ✦ of physical or intellectual disability
  - ✦ of psychological, emotional or behavioural difficulties
  - ✦ of a severe medical condition
  - ✦ of learning difficulties requiring testing or specialist support
  - ✦ it would seriously disadvantage the child’s education to attend the nearest suitable government school.

No Reasonable Access to School

You might be eligible if the child you’re claiming for doesn’t have daily access to a suitable government school. You might not have daily access to a suitable government school if your child can’t go to school for more than 20 school days in the year because:

- it would take at least 3 hours to get to school and back, or
- there are adverse weather conditions, impassable roads or other circumstances beyond your control
- your work requires frequent moves and
  - ✦ you need to relocate the family for work,



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- ✦ you need to work onsite and don't operate out of a base
- ✦ you relocate at least 5 times a year for work
- ✦ your livelihood has an itinerant lifestyle, for example a shearer or fruit picker, and
- ✦ if your child travelled with you they would miss at least 100 school days at a local government school in a year
- they have a disability or a health condition and need to live full time in a special institution
- they live in the second family home with at least one other sibling who:
  - ✦ you get Second Home Allowance for, or
  - ✦ is aged 16 years or over and gets Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY and was previously eligible for Assistance for Isolated Children.

## LIVING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCES SCHEME

[www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/financial/ruralremote/lafhas](http://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/financial/ruralremote/lafhas)

The Living Away From Home Allowances Scheme (LAFHAS) supports eligible Queensland families whose children need to live away from home to attend a state school or an accredited non-state school. This may be because the students home is geographically isolated and/or the nearest school is a bypass school.

### What support is available?

The scheme provides financial support through four allowances:

- Remote Area Tuition Allowance (RATuA) - helps pay tuition fees charged by non-state boarding schools
- Remote Area Travel Allowance (RATrA) - helps pay a student's travel costs between home and boarding school during holidays
- Remote Area Allowance (RAA) - contributes to the cost of boarding at a Queensland Australian Agricultural College campus or a state high school campus
- Remote Area Disability Supplement (RADS) - helps with additional boarding costs for students with disability.

### Eligibility

For eligibility criteria please refer to the LAFHAS applicant guidelines which can be found online. With regards to special circumstances,

### Payment Details

The amount of AIC you get depends on the student's living arrangements during the school year and number of eligible children in your family. The parent or carer is paid, however, you can choose to have your payments paid to the child's school or the boarding provider.

Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme allowance	Maximum rate for 2019
Boarding Allowance (Basic and Additional)	\$10,838 per year, made up of 2 parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$8,422 – basic</li><li>• \$2,416 – additional, subject to parental income and actual boarding costs</li></ul>
Second Home Allowance	\$245.36 per fortnight, per child (for a maximum of 3 children)
Distance Education Allowance	\$4,211 per year
Assistance for Isolated Children Pensioner Education Supplement	\$62.40 per fortnight

### How to Apply for AIC

You can apply by downloading a claim form at [www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/forms/sy040](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/forms/sy040) or you can call 132 318 and ask to be sent a paper copy.

consideration may be given to applicants who do not meet residential distance criteria. Special circumstances include impassable roads, itinerant occupations and additional special circumstances.

### Remote Area Disability Supplement (RADS) eligibility

To be eligible for the RADS you also need to:

- ensure your child has been identified through the department's Education Adjustment Program
- prove their travel, tuition and boarding costs are significantly greater than those of students without disability and are in excess of total assistance available from all government agencies.

### Bypass schools

A bypass school is a rural or remote Queensland state school that may not deliver the programs a senior student needs to complete their chosen areas of study.

Students applying for the LAFHAS can disregard a bypass school when they complete the application's residential distance criteria.

A list of bypass schools is featured in the bypass schools procedure.

### Payment details

Half of the LAFHAS annual entitlements are paid in Semester 1 and the other half in Semester 2:

- Semester 1 - monthly payments will start after your application is approved and school attendance is confirmed.
- Semester 2 - monthly payments will start once school attendance is confirmed.

Allowances are paid by electronic funds transfer as follows:

- RATuA—paid direct to boarding schools to offset school tuition fee accounts
- RATrA, RAA and RADS—paid direct to applicants' nominated bank accounts.

## 2019 LAFHAS RATES LIST

Remote Area Tuition Allowance	
Students in Years 1-6	Amount
Allowance will cover tuition fees	up to \$1,907 per year
Where total tuition costs exceed \$1,907 an additional allowance of 50c per \$1 over that amount can be claimed	up to a total maximum of \$3,808 per year
Students in Years 7-12	Amount
Allowance will cover tuition fees	up to \$2,746 per year
Where total tuition costs exceed \$2,746 an additional allowance of 50c per \$1 over that amount can be claimed	up to a total maximum of \$5,483 per year
Remote Area Travel Allowance	
Item	Annual Entitlement
Minimum allowance	\$144 per student
First 500km	\$0.81 per km
Additional kilometres	\$1.34 per km
Maximum allowance	\$1,756
Remote Area Allowance	
Year	Amount
For Queensland Agricultural Training College* students – studies in agriculture equivalent to Years 11 and 12.	\$2,394 per student per year
<small>*Students attending one of the campuses of the Queensland Agricultural Training College studying an eligible program.</small>	
Remote Area Disability Supplement	
Item	Amount
To compensate additional education costs incurred by students with disabilities to access school*	Up to \$7,789
<small>*The Remote Area Disability Supplement is payable retrospectively, upon lodgement of receipts and where applicants can demonstrate, through documentary evidence, that travel, tuition and boarding accommodation costs are significantly greater than those of students without disabilities and are in excess of total assistance available from all government agencies. Additional tuition fee costs can only be considered if the student is a full-time boarding student at the school.</small>	

### How to apply

The application form must be received by the Department of Education no later than 31 December for the year of application to receive allowances.

You can apply:

- by completing the LAFHAS online form
- by printing and completing a copy of the application form
- by requesting a paper application package

For more information:

- phone 1800 248 997 (free call for rural Queensland only) or 13 QGOV (13 74 68)
- email [lafhas@qed.qld.gov.au](mailto:lafhas@qed.qld.gov.au)
- [www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/financial/ruralremote/lafhas](http://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/financial/ruralremote/lafhas)

## YOUTH ALLOWANCE

[www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/youth-allowance](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/youth-allowance)

Youth Allowance is financial assistance provided by the Australian Government Dept of Human Services to people who are 24 or younger and a student or Australian Apprentice, or 21 or younger and looking for work.

### Eligibility

Students must be an Australian resident, and living in Australia on the day you claim your payment. They must also be:

- 18-24 years and studying full-time; or
- 16-17 years, studying full-time and need to live away from home to study or are considered independent; or
- 16-24 years and undertaking a full-time Australian Apprenticeship.

There are two types of eligible students - a **DEPENDENT** Student and an **INDEPENDENT** Student. If you're 21 years or younger, you're dependent unless you meet certain conditions. This means your parents' or guardians' income affects if you get a payment and how much you get. You are considered independent if you are 22 years of age or older, or meet one of the other independence eligibility criteria

The ICPA (Aust) tertiary education portfolio have put together a great, easy-to-understand overview of the Youth Allowance system and we would strongly recommend visiting [www.icpa.com.au/page/attachment/167/youth-allowance-overview-2020-website](http://www.icpa.com.au/page/attachment/167/youth-allowance-overview-2020-website) and downloading this great resource.





# Conveyance Allowance Payment Details

## Conveyance Allowance

Financial assistance is available to parents of both state and non-state school students travelling to and from school daily by private arrangement. This assistance is known as Conveyance Allowance Class A, B and C.

Additional assistance is also available to parents of non-state school students living outside the Brisbane City Council local government boundary. This type of assistance is Conveyance Allowance Class D.

Class I Conveyance Allowance is payable to students who reside in isolated parts of the state. More information on Class I Conveyance Allowance is available from your nearest Department of Transport and Main Roads office listed over page.

## The following key points should be noted about Conveyance Allowance.

### Conveyance Allowance is:

- calculated weekly and paid twice a year in June and December
- only paid while students are actually travelling to school
- must be applied for prior to 31 December in the year assistance is sought. Retrospective claims for travel in previous years cannot be approved.

### Payment will be calculated and paid in accordance with the following periods:

Period Ending	June 2019	20 weeks
Period Ending	December 2019	20 weeks

### Please note:

- The full school year (29 January to 13 December 2019) contains 40 weeks. The number of weeks the allowance is paid will be reduced if students finish the year early or leave school.
- Parents who travel less than 10 trips per week (for example, Monday am and Friday pm - two trips), will have their weekly payment adjusted accordingly. The allowance paid in this example will be 20% of the weekly allowance.

## Allowance details

The maximum amounts to be paid per vehicle for Conveyance Allowance in 2019 are below:

### Class A and C

Approved scale				Weekly rate (\$)
1.	3.2km/ 4.8km	to	9.60km	11.40
2.	9.61km	to	14.40km	19.00
3.	14.41km	to	19.20km	26.60
4.	19.21km	to	24.00km	34.20
5.	24.01km	to	28.80km	41.80
6.	28.81km	to	33.60km	49.40
7.	33.61km	to	38.40km	57.00
8.	38.41km	to	49.99km	69.95
9.	50.00km	to	59.99km	87.05
10.	60.00km	to	69.99km	102.85
11.	70.00km	to	79.99km	118.70
12.	80.00km	to	89.99km	134.50
13.	90.00km	to	99.99km	150.30
14.	100.00km+			166.15
Scale 14 is maximum rate for Class A and C.				

### Class D (flat rate only)

Approved scale	Weekly rate (\$)
1. From 3.2km (primary) or 4.8km (secondary)	11.40

### Class I (available to students residing in isolated areas only)

Approved Scale				Weekly Rate (\$)
1.	16.01km	to	20km	36.05
2.	20.01km	to	30km	77.15
3.	30.01km	to	40km	135.90
4.	40.01km	to	50km	194.65
5.	50.01km	to	60km	253.35
6.	60.01km	to	70km	312.10
7.	70.01km	to	80km	370.85
8.	80.01km	to	90km	429.60
9.	90.01km	to	100km	488.35
10.	100.01km+			547.05
Scale 10 is the maximum rate for Class I.				

## Please note (Classes A, C & D):

- These allowances are paid on a per vehicle basis.
- Class D allowance is paid as a flat rate only.
- Payment will be made for the number of weeks students are in attendance at school.

If more than one student is being carried in one vehicle, payment will be made at the highest amount approved. If one of these students leaves school, payment will revert to the student with the next highest approved weekly amount.

## Class B

When payment is made for those students for whom Class B Conveyance Allowance has been approved, the amount paid will be calculated by multiplying the 'weekly approved rate' by the number of weeks the child attends school during the period.

## Change of circumstances

If your circumstances have changed since the original application was lodged (for example, changes in address or the mode of transport used), you are requested to advise your local Department of Transport and Main Roads office within seven (7) days of the change, together with the effective date. This information is crucial as it has direct relevance to the determination of eligibility and payment rate details.

## Next year's application

A Conveyance Allowance Renewal Form will be sent to you with your December payment advice. If you wish to continue receiving assistance, this form must be completed and returned before the end of February in the following year.

Failure to return the conveyance renewal form will indicate that assistance is no longer required.

## Other Conveyance Allowance assistance:

Drought assistance is available to families who:

- are eligible for Conveyance Allowance Class A or C and
  - reside on a primary producing property as determined by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) in a shire council/regional council that is currently drought declared by DAF. or
  - reside on a primary producing property which is officially declared an 'Individually Droughted Property' (IDP) by DAF.

Class I Conveyance Allowance is payable to students who live outside the south-east Queensland zone or other nominated areas who must reside over 16 kilometres to the nearest state school and over 16 kilometres to the nearest approved bus service which will transport the student to the nearest state school.

**Further information** including details on eligibility for Class I Conveyance Allowance is available in *School Transport Information Statement No.11/2019 School Transport Assistance Isolation Package* available from your nearest Department of Transport and Main Roads office.

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## G'DAY USA EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Over the school break, two All Souls St Gabriels School (Charters Towers) students had the opportunity to spend time in America as part of the G'Day USA School Exchange Program with one of our Senior School Teachers, Miss Pia Taylor. Boarder Sarah Suhr who lives on a Cattle Station, 80 kilometers north of Cloncurry and Day Student Brooke Tindall have had an amazing few weeks exploring San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle.



The Year 12 Students left on the 31st December 2019 and spent New Years in San Francisco at some of its iconic tourist attractions including Fisherman's Wharf and Pier 39, they also rode a cable car, walked across the Golden Gate Bridge and experienced a Bay Cruise. They then left for Seattle to meet their American host families, and both attended Kamiak High, a Public School in Mukilteo for 2 days, where they truly saw the cultural differences between the USA and Australia. In Seattle the girls also learned to Snowboard, they explored the Seattle Underground, Pike Place Markets and checked out the Museum of Popular Culture.

The last leg of their journey was spent with a tour of San Diego where they visited the "Old Town" Historic Park before heading back to Los Angeles. In L.A. the girls spent a day at Disneyland where they enjoyed being "Big Kids" again at the "most magical place on earth", they then visited the Knotts Berry Farm, took a Hollywood Tour and finished off their trip with a day at Universal Studios. The girls have loved their holiday to America, they have made lots of new friends and experienced so much in three short weeks, something they will always cherish.





# A NOTE FROM nbn™



## Network status webpage goes live

Earlier this month, nbn co launched the first phase of a new 'network status' webpage, which provides location specific information on planned and unplanned nbn network outages. Save this page to your favourites now – [www.nbnco.com.au/support/network-status](http://www.nbnco.com.au/support/network-status).

As part of our ongoing commitment to customer experience and our further collaboration with phone and internet providers, we want nbn connected customers to be able to easily access the most up-to-date information on nbn network outages. nbn connected customers can simply type in their home or business address to check the current status of their service and stay informed about planned outages, with a 10 day look ahead for fixed line customers.

We will be supplementing the webpage in the first half of next year with further detailed information on planned outage timings and a 10 day look ahead for Fixed Wireless customers, once the full capability of the website is up and running.

We understand Fixed Wireless customers are particularly interested to know of any upcoming planned outage timings and we're working towards launching this function as soon as possible next year. For now, we recommend Fixed Wireless customers continue to check in with their phone and internet service providers around upcoming planned outages.

## Regional Development & Engagement business unit established

nbn co's regional and remote rollout is almost complete with 98 per cent of premises now able to access the network or with construction underway.

To capitalise on this unprecedented investment in regional and remote Australia, nbn co has boosted its commitment to these communities by launching a new Regional Development and Engagement business unit solely focused on meeting customer needs and raising the digital capability of Australians who live outside our major cities.

The new business unit brings together all aspects of the fixed wireless and satellite teams, from engineering through to operations, to ensure regional customers remain front and centre as the rollout nears completion.

The new division will include an expanded community and stakeholder engagement capability, with dedicated managers appointed to provide increased support to MPs, senators and electorate staff in regional and remote communities.

The new team will be headed up by Gavin Williams, who joined nbn in 2014 with 25 years of industry experience and a strong passion for regional and remote connectivity.

The nbn Government Relations team will contact regional MPs, senators and electorate staff early in 2020 with further information on how the new business unit will support them and their constituents, including who will be assigned to support their office, once the team has been fully stood up.

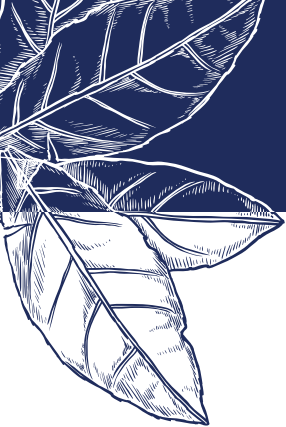
The creation of the Regional Development and Engagement business unit builds on a number of recent nbn initiatives that support

regional and remote Australia, including:

- Fixed Wireless upgrades, featuring an additional \$800 million investment to increase capacity and performance on the network over the next four years
- the launch of Sky Muster Plus, with the additional benefit of unmetered data for web browsing (static images and text only), select emailing and PC and smartphone operating system software updates
- transit capacity upgrades, including a doubling of bandwidth capacity on nbn's 60,000km fibre optic backbone.







# BRANCH BITES

All the following recipes are firm favourites in our family. They are quick and easy to make and can be easily substituted for different variations. They can also be made in bulk and are fantastic to freeze for the children's school lunches.

Lisa Southern

## VANILLA BUTTER CAKE

- 125g Butter
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 2 Eggs
- Vanilla
- 1 ½ Cups SR Flour
- ½ Cup Milk

1. Beat butter and sugar to a cream.
2. Add eggs and vanilla.
3. Lastly add flour and milk alternatively.
4. Bake at 190C for 45 mins.

### Variations:

- Chocolate:** Add ¼ cup cocoa and only use 1 ¼ cups SR Flour
- Lemon:** Add grated lemon rind
- Orange:** Add grated orange rind and substitute milk for orange juice
- Patty Cakes:** a doubled mixture makes 6 dozen cakes
- Lamingtons:** make 1 ½ mixtures and place in a lamington tray. Coat with a runny chocolate icing and roll in coconut



## GOOD OLD FASHIONED LOAF

Everyone always has that favourite recipe and mine is a date roll that I absolutely love and has been passed down through our family for years. You don't think you'll ever find something as good but while flicking through the Rural Weekly I came across this next recipe from Hayley Maudsley – My Smoko Break. She calls it a "Good Old Fashioned Loaf" and it certainly is. I now make it quite regularly as it is very quick and simple to make and very moist. I beg you to try it – you won't be disappointed. Make sure you check out all Hayley's recipes on her website or facebook @ My Smoko Break.

- 1 Cup Dates, chopped
- 50g Butter, melted
- 4 Weetbix, crushed
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1 tspn Baking Powder
- 1 tspn Baking Soda
- 1 Cup Boiling Water
- 1 Egg
- 1 Cup Plain Flour
- 1 tblspn Brown Sugar

1. In a large bowl combine the dates, butter, weetbix, sugar, baking powder and soda, boiling water. Mix lightly. Let the mixture stand for 5 minutes.
2. Stir in the egg and sift in flour. Fold all ingredients together until combined. Pour into prepared loaf tin and scatter brown sugar over the top.
3. Bake at 180C for 55 mins or till cooked through. Remove from oven and allow to sit in tin for at least 10 mins before turning out onto a wire cooling rack otherwise it will fall apart.
4. Serve spread with butter.



## BRUSCHETTA CHEESE BALL/LOG

And for the adults in the evenings (when time allows) when school is finished, homework completed, the jobs are done & you are enjoying a nice chilled glass of wine or a cold beer, nibble on this beautiful cheese log.

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|--|------------------------------|
| 250g cream cheese                          | ½ cup basil leaves chopped   |
| Garlic & Herb Cheese Round                 | 1 tblspn balsamic vinegar    |
| ¼ cup sour cream                           | ½ tspn garlic powder         |
| 1 cup grated cheese                        | ¼ tspn crushed chilli flakes |
| ½ cup grated parmesan cheese               | ¼ tspn salt                  |
| 2 tomatoes chopped (seeds & flesh removed) | ¼ tspn pepper                |
| ½ cup sundried tomatoes (chopped & rinsed) |                              |

### COATING:

- ¾ cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1 tblspn butter
- 3 tblspn sundried tomatoes rinsed/dried/chopped
- 3 tblspn basil leaves chopped

1. Add all cheese ball ingredients to a large bowl and mix well till combined. Drop mixture onto a large piece of gladwrap and wrap tightly. Shape into a ball or logs. Refrigerate for a couple of hours or up to 24 hrs.
2. While cheese ball is chilling, prepare the coating by melting the butter in a pan over a medium heat. Stir in the panko crumbs and stir till golden. Cool and then add sundried tomatoes and basil.
3. When ready to serve, roll cheese ball/log in panko crumbs, pressing to evenly coat. On platter garnish with fresh diced tomatoes and basil leaves.
4. Serve with freshly made baguette slices. (Brush baguette slices in a melted butter and garlic mix and bake in the oven till golden).



## 10 DOZEN BISCUITS

- 500g butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tin condensed milk
- 5 cups plain flour

1. Beat butter and sugar to a cream.
2. Add the condensed milk and mix well.
3. Gradually add the flour and mix to a dough consistency.
4. Roll into balls and place on trays.
5. Bake at 170C for 12-15 mins or until golden.

### Variations:

This mixture can be divided for many different variations. You can add sultanas, peanuts or choc chips. Make some jam drops. Dot the tops with cherries or ginger or roll in cornflakes.





# AROUND THE RIDGES

- January 2020
  - 28 - First Day Term 1 Qld State Schools
- February 2020
  - 15 - Pedals Deadline
- April 2020
  - 1 - News & Views Deadline for Term 2 Edition
  - 3 - Last day Term 1 Qld State Schools
  - 10 - Good Friday
  - 12 - Easter Sunday
  - 20 - First Day Term 2 Qld State Schools
  - 25 - ANZAC Day
  - 27 - Agenda Motions Deadline for Qld Conference
- May 2020
  - 4 - Labour Day
  - 26 - Supplementary Motions Deadline for Qld Conference
- June 2020
  - 9-10 - Qld State Conference, Roma
  - 26 - Last Day Term 2 Qld State Schools
- July 2020
  - 1 - News & Views Deadline for Term 3 Edition
  - 13 - First Day Term 3 Qld State Schools
- August 2020
  - 5-6 - Federal Conference, Hobart



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## QLD STATE CONFERENCE

We have some exciting venues for evening events for this year's Conference. First night (Monday 8th June) 'Meet & Greet' is at the fabulous Roma on Bungil Gallery ([www.romaonbungil.com.au](http://www.romaonbungil.com.au)). The second night is Conference Dinner which will be held at the Explorer's Inn Function Centre ([www.romaexplorersinn.com.au](http://www.romaexplorersinn.com.au)) and will feature a live auction with some great items including a Brisbane accommodation & restaurant package, a pallet of Olsson lick blocks, a Greenies Garden Rain Gauge and artwork.

The final night will be at the vibrant Royal on 99 Hotel ([www.royal99.com.au](http://www.royal99.com.au)).

We will be running courtesy buses over the entire conference so no-one needs to worry about transport.

Enquires to convener Kate Scott [kl\\_scott@bigpond.com](mailto:kl_scott@bigpond.com)



# CONVERSATIONS WITH:

## Heidi Begg

Is a speech pathologist who has her roots firmly cemented in rural communities, starting her schooling through School Of Distance Education (Charleville), and completing it with seven years of boarding school. She is the founder and director of Spot Rural Services, a speech pathology practice that offers online therapy and outreach services using modern Telehealth methods. A Friend of ICPA!

### My earliest memory is...

Before I had started kindy, I would spend days and days with my dad, while my older siblings were at school. Climbing up into our big yellow truck and spending hours with my dad on the road is one of my first and favourite memories. Oh the adventure!

### I went to school...

At five different primary schools and one high school! I started off at Goondiwindi State School for kindy, preschool and 2 weeks of grade 1. Then we moved and I went to Kioma State School for one term, before changing to School of the Air via Charleville for the rest of grade 1 until the end of grade 4. By this time we moved again and I spent grade 5 at St Joseph's in Millmerran, before heading off to boarding school at Toowoomba Prep for year 6 & 7. I went to high school as a boarder at Fairholme College in Toowoomba.

### My childhood idol was...

My dad



### The best part of my job is...

This is too hard to answer. My job has evolved every month throughout the past 2 years and gives me great purpose, drive and direction in my life. Basically, every single thing that I do in my job is to benefit the life of someone else, and that's pretty awesome. On par with this would be that I am required to do something that I have never done before, almost every day. It is the most challenging and exciting thing I have ever done, and I can't imagine life without my job.

### I'm embarrassed to admit that...

I don't always practise what I preach! Whilst I encourage parents to do X and Y, I realise that in real life I would never be able to do this myself. I also desperately need therapy (that I myself am trained in!) but have not yet committed to.

### If I won the lottery tomorrow I would...

Start my own string of schools where Speech Pathologists teach English (literacy & language) from Prep to year 3. Improving Australia's drastically poor literacy levels.

### I want to be remembered for...

Leaving a legacy for providing high quality health services to rural and remote families, long after I have stopped working or have left my company, Spot. I aim to instil my passion for this into the company culture and all of our employees, as well as continue to educate and spread the word amongst rural communities about what standard of care they should be expecting. I also want to be remembered as a telehealth pioneer in Australia.







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