

TERTIARY EDUCATION



POLICY:

Awareness of and provision for affordable access to all forms of recognised Tertiary Education and to guarantee equity of participation for all geographically isolated students.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Liaison with the University Admissions Centre (UAC) and tertiary providers to ensure rural students are not disadvantaged by geographic isolation and unreliable methods of notifying students of offers.
2. Collaboration between tertiary and secondary providers to ensure appropriate course entry date deadlines are known early and met.
3. Appropriate reciprocal accreditation provision promoted by all tertiary providers with complimentary bridging arrangements available on request.
4. Provision for students with special needs.
5. Provision of appropriate government scholarships.
6. Fees and charges being applicable to courses studied, including pro rata calculations for part time or short course study.
7. Suitable accommodation, on campus or in subsidised housing, provided for enrolled students.
8. Availability of living away from home assistance immediately the student leaves home e.g. Independent Youth Allowance.
9. The provision of courses for tertiary students by Distance Education.
10. The provision of a tertiary access allowance that helps with university and TAFE start up costs for students from rural and remote areas that have to live away from home to study.
11. Provision of training facilities, so that all apprentices from rural areas should not be disadvantaged by facilities being located too far from their homes.

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