

The Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Australia

ICPA (AUST) Inc



POLICIES

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TERTIARY EDUCATION

POLICY:

ICPA seeks to ensure that students from rural and remote areas have access to tertiary education options which will enable them to pursue the career path of their choice.

OBJECTIVES:

1. The Federal Government introduce a tertiary access allowance as financial assistance to rural and remote students who must live away from home to access tertiary education.
2. Commonwealth-supported places be available at universities for all qualifying applicants.
3. On-campus accommodation be available to cater for rural and remote students.
4. The Federal Government and education providers continue to assist rural and remote students by providing equity scholarships.
5. Services be available to assist students with specific learning needs.
6. Bursaries and scholarships offered by residential university colleges, targeting rural and remote students, be subject to need and not dependent on receipt of Youth Allowance.
7. All students residing in rural and remote areas, on moving away from home to commence tertiary studies, are considered independent for Youth Allowance purposes.
8. Students in receipt of Youth Allowance at the independent rate due to family assessment based on successful entitlement to the Farm Household Allowance, remain eligible for payments at that rate until the completion of their course.
9. Students be able to choose their preferred mode of study when undertaking tertiary education.
10. Financial assistance be available for students who must relocate to undertake compulsory practicums.