



## 2017 SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

**Applications close Friday 7 April 2017**

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs. To be eligible for the allowance the parent/guardian must hold a Department of Human Services (Centrelink) or Veterans' Affairs card that represents a statement of income for the family. The application is made by the parent/guardian for the student enrolled.

The allowance consists of two components:

- \$115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian
- \$235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Parent or Guardian must hold one of the following cards:

- Centrelink Family Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Card (blue card only)

The parent/guardian must be the holder of a card that is valid during Term 1 (1 February 2017 - 8 April 2017). The only exception to this is when a student holds their own health care card and has been declared independent by Centrelink. In this instance, a letter of confirmation from Centrelink needs to accompany the application.

The allowance is paid up to and including the year the student turns 18 years of age. ***Please note that a new application needs to be submitted each year.***

### APPLICATION FORMS

Application Forms are to be completed at the school in Term 1. ***Applications close Friday 7 April 2017***

### CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

Schools will receive the Educational Program Allowance of \$235 for Secondary Assistance recipients. This amount will be paid directly to the school to reduce the contributions payable .

### CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

The clothing allowance of \$115 will be deposited into the parent/guardians bank account unless indicated on the application form that you wish it to be paid to the school to further reduce contributions and/or charges payable.

### PROCESSING OF PAYMENTS

Once the form is completed by the parent/guardian, the school will forward it to the Schools Resourcing & Budgeting Directorate for processing. If you change any of your details please notify Schools Resourcing on 9264 4516.

**If you are eligible to apply for the Secondary Assistance Scheme, please come into the front office in Term 1 2017 to complete your form.**

**Please bring your health care card and bank account details.**

**Parents and caregivers of Aboriginal students should note that an ABSTUDY school fee allowance of \$156 can be applied for with Centrelink.**

**Application forms are also available for an ABSTUDY supplement of \$79. If you have applied to receive ABSTUDY, then you are not eligible to claim Secondary Assistance as well.**