

# QUEENSLAND ACADEMIES ISOLATED STUDENTS BURSARY

## 2026 Information Guide

Please read this Information Guide before completing the [2026 QAIS Bursary Application Form](#)

Applications for the Bursary close **20 March 2026**

### Queensland Academies Isolated Students Bursary

The Queensland Academies Isolated Students (QAIS) Bursary provides financial support to families of students living away from home to attend one of the departments three specialised [Queensland Academies](#) in South East Queensland including Queensland Academies Creative Industries Campus (Kelvin Grove), Queensland Academies Health Sciences Campus (Gold Coast) and Queensland Academy for Science Mathematics and Technology (Toowong).

The Bursary supports talented students from rural and remote areas who are not eligible for the [Living Away From Home Allowance Scheme](#) (LAFHAS) through financial support for travel and accommodation whilst completing their studies at an academy.

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a Bursary, all of the following eligibility criteria **must be met**:

- the student must be currently enrolled in and have satisfactory conduct, progress and attendance at the Academy;
- the student is **not eligible** to receive assistance through [LAFHAS](#) (*question 5(b)*);
- the student must have a permanent home address in Queensland (*questions 15-18*);
- the nearest Queensland Government state school to the student's permanent family home, with the appropriate year level (*questions 27-28*) is located within a Department of Education [State School](#) zone of: Inner or Outer Regional Australia, Remote Australia or Very Remote Australia; and
- the student's travel is at least [three hours per day](#) (*questions 31-32*) from the student's permanent home address to reach the Academy they are attending (*question 30*), using school or [public transport service](#).

Note: A new Bursary application must be completed each year on the approved form.

### Bursary Components

The Bursary has two components:

- Remote Area Travel Allowance
- Student Accommodation Allowance

### Remote Area Travel Allowance

The allowance is available to assist with travelling expenses. It is based on the distance from the student's permanent home address (*questions 15-18*) to the student's homestay address (*questions 19-21*), via the shortest trafficable route by road (and sea if necessary).

Remote Area Travel Allowance	School Sector	Maximum payable per student per annum
Up to 500km	\$ 1.04 per km	\$ 2266.00
Each additional km over 500km	\$ 1.73 per km	

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that [distances quoted on the application form](#) are accurate (*questions 32-33*). Where appropriate the local Queensland Transport office should be contacted to confirm if any distances have changed as a result of roadwork or bus route modifications.

## Student Accommodation Allowance

Eligible students will receive an amount *up to* the equivalent of the Basic Boarding Allowance provided through the Commonwealth's [Assistance for Isolated Children](#) (AIC) Scheme, currently set at \$10,555.00 per annum. If the student boards part-time (i.e. 5 days per week), this allowance will be paid pro-rata.

All payments under the Bursary are made by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The benefits are paid to the financial institution nominated by the applicant on the [2026 QAIS Bursary Application Form](#) (*question 33*).

*Please Note: No financial means test is applied to these allowances. Payments do not attract GST.*

## Changes to Circumstances

Following lodgement of an application form, the Department must be advised immediately of any subsequent change in circumstances, including:

- student's permanent and/or homestay address;
- school enrolment; and/or
- applicant bank account details.

Benefits payable are determined by the date of change, and a change of circumstances may require reassessment of applications and entitlements already paid.

Students commencing or leaving school part way through the school year receive pro-rata entitlements based on the actual number of school days attended. Overpayments that may result from a change in family or student circumstances are recoverable from the date that an applicant's circumstances change.

## Apply Now

Complete the [2026 QAIS Bursary Application Form](#) and return by email to the [Scholarships and Grants Team](#): [scholarships@qed.qld.gov.au](mailto:scholarships@qed.qld.gov.au)

**Applications close: 20 March 2026**

## Further Information

Scholarships and Grants Team

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