

Did you know... ABSTUDY could pay for 67 family contact opportunities per student starting from before commencement at Year 7 through to graduation at Year 12

Orientation (young person & family member)



At the start of EVERY term (young person & family member)



At the end of EVERY term (young person & school staff)



Special Purpose visits (family member)



ABSTUDY will also pay for:



**To Airport
from Airport**



**Approximately 2 nights Accommodation
including Breakfast & Dinner**



**Compassionate travel for students
2 times a year**

Accessing and maximising these flights effectively over the Year 7 to 12 journey enables schools and families to prioritise meaningful and important conversations at key transition points. Examples include discussing:

- subject selection and co-curricular options;
- learning support needs and the development of Individual Education Plans (IEPs);
- discussing student progress reports and semester reports;
- access to career counselling and links with VET and ATAR pathways;
- health and wellbeing supports, and much, much more.

Crucially, a dedicated school strategy aimed at maximising these flights over the full course of secondary schooling empowers educators and families to forge genuine, long-term, two-way relationships that are sustained through building shared ambition, action, and accountability.

Indeed, it is well accepted that empowering parent and family involvement in school-based decision-making about learning progress and growth is essential to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people thriving, as well as to prepare for post-school pathways.

Entitlements from ABSTUDY are based on whether the student is a boarder or day student, location of home, type of scholarship, parental income, number of dependents, and individual circumstances.