



# 2010

## YEARS 8 TO 12 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS APPLICATION

Please detach and complete the application form inside. Retain the outside information section for later reference. A separate application is required for each school.

### IMPORTANT DATES

23 June 2009	Application packages available online or from selective high schools and school education group offices.
30 July 2009	Closing date for completed application forms to be returned to the schools.
August/September 2009	Selection committees meet and consider applications.
September/October 2009	Letters advising applicants of the outcome of their applications should be dispatched.

The number of vacancies in Years 8 to 12 will vary across academic Years and from school to school. Generally the number of vacancies is limited.

**Before submitting your application, you should go to the individual school's website and/or contact the school to find out the assessment requirements and enrolment procedures for each selective high school for which you intend to apply.**

Enquiries about courses and programs offered by specific selective high schools as well as enquiries about selection criteria such as testing should be addressed to the schools concerned.

This document is also available on the Internet at:

[http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/7-12assessments/selective8\\_12.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/7-12assessments/selective8_12.php)

In this document:

- 'selective' includes fully selective high schools, partially selective high schools and agricultural high schools
- the Selective High School and Opportunity Class Placement Unit is referred to as the Unit
- 'parent' is defined under the *Education Act* to "include a guardian or other person having the custody or care of a child".

# SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS

## Alexandria Park Community School

(co-educational, partially selective) [8 to 12]\*  
Park Road, Alexandria  
Phone: (02) 9698 1967  
Web: <http://www.alexparkcs-c.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [alexparkcs-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:alexparkcs-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Baulkham Hills High School

(co-educational, fully selective) [8 to 12]  
Windsor Road, Baulkham Hills  
Phone: (02) 9639 8699  
Web: <http://www.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au>  
Email: [baulkham-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:baulkham-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Caringbah High School

(co-educational, fully selective) [8 to 12]  
Willarong Road, Caringbah  
Phone: (02) 9524 3859  
Web: <http://www.caringbah-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [caringbah-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:caringbah-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Chatswood High School

(co-educational, partially selective) [8 to 12]  
Centennial Ave, Chatswood  
Phone: (02) 9419 3611  
Web: <http://www.chatswood-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [chatswood-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:chatswood-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School

(boarding and day students; boys only) [8 to 12]  
585 Calala Lane, Tamworth  
Phone: (02) 6764 8600  
Web: <http://www.farreragri-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [farreragri-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:farreragri-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Fort Street High School

(co-educational, fully selective) [8 to 12]  
Parramatta Road, Petersham  
Phone: (02) 9569 4355  
Web: <http://www.fortstreet-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [fortstreet-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:fortstreet-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Girraween High School

(co-educational, fully selective) [8 to 12]  
Gilba Road, Girraween  
Phone: (02) 9636 7293  
Web: <http://www.girraween-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [girraween-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:girraween-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Gosford High School

(co-educational, fully selective) [8 to 12]  
Racecourse Road, Gosford  
Phone: (02) 4325 2048  
Web: <http://www.gosfordhigh.com.au/>  
Email: [gosford-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gosford-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Hornsby Girls High School

(fully selective) [8 to 12]  
Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby  
Phone: (02) 9476 5711  
Web: <http://www.hornsbygir-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [hornsbygir-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:hornsbygir-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Hurlstone Agricultural High School

(boarding and day students, co-educational)  
[8 to 12]  
Roy Watts Road, Glenfield  
Phone: (02) 9829 9222  
Web: <http://www.hurlstone.com.au>  
Email: [hurlstone-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:hurlstone-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## James Ruse Agricultural High School

(day students only, co-educational, agriculture is a compulsory subject up to Year 10) [8 to 12]  
Felton Road, Carlingford  
Phone: (02) 9871 7126  
Web: <http://www.jamesruse.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [jamesruse-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jamesruse-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Macquarie Fields High School

(co-educational, partially selective) [8 to 12]  
Harold Street, Macquarie Fields  
Phone: (02) 9605 3111  
Web: <http://www.macfields-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [macfields-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:macfields-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Merewether High School

(co-educational, fully selective) [8 to 12]  
Chatham Street, Broadmeadow  
Phone: (02) 4969 3855  
Web: <http://www.merewether-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [merewether-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:merewether-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Normanurst Boys High School

(fully selective) [8 to 12]  
Pennant Hills Road, Normanurst  
Phone: (02) 9489 1077  
Web: <http://www.normanhurb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [normanhurb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:normanhurb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## North Sydney Boys High School

(fully selective) [8 to 12]  
Falcon Street, Crows Nest  
Phone: (02) 9955 1565  
Web: <http://www.nsbhs.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [nsbhs@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nsbhs@det.nsw.edu.au)

## North Sydney Girls High School

(fully selective) [8 to 12]  
David St and Pacific Highway, Crows Nest  
Phone: (02) 9922 6666  
Web: <http://www.northsydgi-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [administration@northsydgi-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](mailto:administration@northsydgi-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

# SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS

## Northern Beaches Secondary College Manly Campus

(co-educational, fully selective) [8 to 12]  
138 Abbott Rd  
North Curl Curl  
Phone: (02) 9905 3982  
Web: <http://www.manlyselective.nsw.edu.au/>  
Email: [nbscmanlys-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nbscmanlys-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Penrith High School

(co-educational, fully selective) [8 to 12]  
High Street, Penrith  
Phone: (02) 4721 0529  
Web: <http://www.penrithhighschool.nsw.edu.au/>  
Email: [penrith-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:penrith-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Rose Bay Secondary College

(co-educational, partially selective) [8 to 12]  
Hardy Street, Dover Heights  
Phone: (02) 9301 0300  
Web: <http://www.rosebay-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [rosebay-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rosebay-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Ryde Secondary College

(co-educational, partially selective) [8 to 12]  
5 Malvina Street, Ryde  
Phone: (02) 9809 4894  
Web: <http://www.rydesc-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [rydesc-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rydesc-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Sefton High School

(co-educational, partially selective) [8 to 12]  
Hector Street, Sefton  
Phone: (02) 9644 4800  
Web: <http://www.sefton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>  
Email: [sefton-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sefton-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Smiths Hill High School

(co-educational, fully selective) [8 to 12]  
Gipps Street, Wollongong  
Phone: (02) 4229 4266  
Web: <http://www.smithshill-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [smithshill-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:smithshill-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## St George Girls High School

(fully selective) [8 to 12]  
Victoria Street, Kogarah  
Phone: (02) 9587 5902  
Web: <http://www.stgeorgegi-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [stgeorgegi-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:stgeorgegi-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Sydney Boys High School

(fully selective) [8 to 12]  
Moore Park, Surry Hills  
Phone: (02) 9361 6910  
Web: <http://www.sydneyboyshigh.com>  
Email: [sydneyboys-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sydneyboys-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Sydney Girls High School

(fully selective) [8 to 12]  
Anzac Parade, Surry Hills  
Phone: (02) 9331 2336  
Web: <http://www.sghs.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [sydneygirl-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sydneygirl-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus

(co-educational, partially selective) [8 to 10]  
Terry Street, Rozelle  
Phone: (02) 9810 0471  
Web: <http://www.balmain-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [balmain-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:balmain-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay Campus

(co-educational, partially selective) [11 to 12]  
Taylor St, Glebe  
Phone: (02) 9660 5688  
Web: <http://www.glebe-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [glebe-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:glebe-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus

(co-educational, partially selective) [8 to 10]  
210 Balmain Road, Leichhardt  
Phone: (02) 9560 2565  
Web: <http://www.leichhardt-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [leichhardt-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:leichhardt-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Sydney Technical High School

(boys only, fully selective) [8 to 12]  
Forest Road, Bexley  
Phone: (02) 9587 5899  
Web: <http://www.sths.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [sydneytech-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sydneytech-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Tempe High School

(co-educational, partially selective) [8 to 12]  
Unwins Bridge Road, Tempe  
Phone: (02) 9558 2336  
Web: <http://www.tempe-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [tempe-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:tempe-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Yanco Agricultural High School

(co-educational, boarding students only) [8 to 12]  
Euroley Road, Yanco  
Phone: (02) 6955 7306  
Web: <http://www.yancoag-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>  
Email: [yancoag-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:yancoag-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au)

Note: Partially selective high schools have community-based enrolment as well as selective classes.

\*[8 to 12] indicates Years offered in each school.  
Note that vacancies may not occur in all Years in all schools.

# PLACEMENT IN YEARS 8 TO 12 AT SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS

## SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS

Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically talented students by providing an educationally enriched environment. These schools can provide intellectual stimulation by grouping talented students together, concentrating school resources and using specialised teaching methods.

Agricultural high schools are selective high schools that emphasise the study of agriculture, with the residential sections giving priority to isolated students, provided that their academic ability is comparable to that of their selective peers.

Partially selective high schools have both selective and community enrolment. The Balmain and Leichhardt Campuses of Sydney Secondary College cater for students from Years 7 to 10. Students attending the Balmain or Leichhardt Campuses in Years 7 to 10 will generally proceed to the Blackwattle Bay Campus for Years 11 and 12.

The number of vacancies in Years 8 to 12 will vary across academic Years and from school to school.

## HOW TO APPLY

Read this document carefully.

- Remember to complete a separate application form for each selective high school you wish to apply for.
- Pull out the application form and complete it. Keep this information section for later reference.
- Complete any supplementary forms required by the school, if applicable.
- Lodge each form with the relevant selective high school by 30 July 2009.

## SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

Prior to submitting your application it is essential that you consult each school about the assessment requirements.

School web sites can be found at:

[http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/types/shs\\_ahs\\_details.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/types/shs_ahs_details.php)

## PRIORITY ORDER OF SCHOOLS

If you are applying for entry to more than one school you must indicate in priority order on page 2 of each application the schools you are applying for.

## AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP AND RESIDENCY STATUS

Candidates must normally be Australian citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia. Information on Australian citizenship is available on the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs website at: [www.citizenship.gov.au](http://www.citizenship.gov.au). Official evidence of Australian citizenship may be obtained by the issue of a *Certificate of Evidence of Australian Citizenship*.

Citizens of New Zealand who are permanently settled in Australia are eligible for entry. Permanent residents of New Zealand are treated in the same manner as temporary residents of Australia.

Applicants who do not meet these residency requirements at the time of applying but expect to meet them in the near future, are allowed to apply. Such applicants will have to show evidence that they meet all residency requirements before being offered a place. Applicants who are unable to meet the residency requirements but believe that there are extenuating circumstances applicable to their case may apply, provided that they are already living in Australia.

Applicants who qualify for entry on academic grounds but do not meet the residency requirements, including those who hold diplomatic visas, will have the opportunity to appeal for special consideration through the appeals process (see page 6).

**All successful applicants will be required to show original documentation, such as a *Certificate of Evidence of Australian Citizenship*, birth certificates or visas, before enrolment can be finalised by the school.**

**Offers or enrolments may be terminated if placement is made on the basis of false or misleading information.**

## RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Parents must be living in NSW by the beginning of the 2010 school year. If parents normally live in NSW but are temporarily out of the state, they should expect to return in the near future. Applications from parents who continue to live outside NSW after the 2010 school year begins will be considered only if there are vacancies after all suitable applicants from NSW have been placed.

# PLACEMENT IN YEARS 8 TO 12 AT SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS

## ENROLMENT POLICY

The NSW Department of Education and Training (DET) has a responsibility to assess and manage any risk of harm to its staff or students. This includes assessing and managing risks posed to students or staff at a school by a student with a history of violence. Information for parents regarding enrolment is available at: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/enrolment/parentsinfo.php>.

## COURSES OF STUDY

Applicants should be aware that courses of study at selective high schools may not be the same as courses taken at the previous school. Students' current courses will be taken into account when they are considered for placement.

## FAMILY PLACEMENT CLAIM

You can make a family placement claim if a member of the **immediate family** (brother, sister or parent/guardian) currently attends or previously attended the school. Where two or more students have equal results, the students with family placement claims will be given priority. For most students this will have little effect on the outcome. For boarding placement, extra consideration may be given to students who have brothers or sisters already attending the school.

## BOARDER PLACEMENT (AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOLS ONLY)

For boarder placement, extra consideration may be given to students who have brothers or sisters already attending the school.

Special criteria apply for entry to residential agricultural high schools. These criteria are outlined on pages 6 and 7.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

### *Availability of application forms*

Further copies of this package are available from all selective high schools, school education group offices and the Selective High School and Opportunity Class Placement Unit. They are also available on the Internet at:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/types/selectiveschools.php>

### *Acknowledgement of receipt of application*

Your application will be acknowledged in writing. You will also be notified if any further information or testing is required by the selection committee.

### *Change of application details*

Please write to the selective high school(s) for which you have made application if there is a change in details such as your child's name, address or school after you have sent your application form. You should also write to those schools if you want to withdraw your application.

## SELECTION PROCEDURES

The number of vacancies at selective high schools in Years 8 to 12 will generally depend on the number of students who leave in the previous year. In some schools there may be no vacancies in some academic Years. Some schools may establish extra places in some academic Years.

For each selective high school, a selection committee will decide on the students to be offered places and will establish a reserve list in priority order. The selection committee comprises at least four people, including the school education director as chairperson, the selective high school principal, a parent representative and school counsellor or District Guidance Officer.

The selection committee may ask for further information or arrange for additional assessment procedures to allow differentiation between students.

## TESTING

If it is considered necessary by the selection committee, students may be required to take a test. In this case, the school will provide you with reasonable notice of the time, date and place of the test.

Where testing is conducted by the school, students found to be cheating risk disqualification from the test. Schools may request a test administration fee.

## NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

You will be notified in writing about the outcome of your application. Some later offers may be made by telephone. Students may be (a) offered a place, (b) put on the reserve list, or (c) advised that they did not qualify for placement. This information will be provided by each school for which an application was made.

## RESPONSE TO OFFERS

If you receive an offer, please respond as soon as possible. If you do not respond within 14 days or within the time specified on your offer letter, it may be assumed that the offer has been declined. Where offers are made by telephone a response is generally required within 24 hours.

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If you will be away on holidays when offers are being made, you should leave contact details with the selective school(s) or delegate someone to respond on your behalf.

If you accept the offer you will be sent an 'Authority to Enrol'. For government high school students the principal will then arrange for the student's records to be transferred. Offers will be withdrawn if the student fails to enrol at the school at the beginning of the school year without providing a satisfactory explanation. Enrolment may not be deferred beyond the first day of Term 2, 2010. Any deferment must be negotiated with the principal.

If you accept the offer then later change your mind, please tell the school so that the next eligible applicant can be offered the place.

If you decline the offer, you will be sent a letter to confirm this.

### APPEALS

If you wish to appeal against a decision of the selection committee, you should phone the Unit on (02) 9707 6262 within 7 days of the date on the letter notifying you of the outcome. The Unit will send you an appeal form and notify the selective high school that an appeal is being lodged.

You must then lodge the completed appeal form within 14 days of the date shown on the outcome letter to:

The Manager  
Selective High School and Opportunity Class  
Placement Unit  
Locked Bag 6109  
MILPERRA DC 1891

In making an appeal, parents need to complete an appeal form which includes:

- factors which may have prevented the student from gaining a place
- any supporting material, where applicable. Appeals based on illness must include a medical certificate.

For performance-based appeals, only evidence relating to performance in 2009 and 2008 will be considered.

The Unit will convene the appeals panel(s) and will notify selective high school principals and parents about the outcome of appeals.

### TRANSFERS AND REPEATING

Students cannot automatically transfer between selective high schools. If a student is already enrolled at one selective high school and wants to go to another, the parents must fill out an application form for entry to Years 8 to 12 and lodge it directly with the selective high school they want their child to attend.

If the parents of a student currently enrolled in a selective high school wish their child to repeat the Year in 2010, they should discuss the matter with the principal before 30 June 2009.

### GENERAL SCHOOL AND SUBJECT CONTRIBUTIONS

As with all government schools, tuition at selective high schools is free, but schools may ask for a voluntary contribution to cover services such as library, textbooks and curriculum-related resources. Schools may also ask for contributions to cover the purchase of materials in certain key learning areas and to cover costs associated with sports or excursions. Residential agricultural high schools charge boarding fees (see boarding students on page 7).

### ENQUIRIES

Enquiries about courses and programs offered by specific selective high schools as well as enquiries about selection criteria such as testing should be addressed to the schools concerned.

Enquiries about general selection criteria such as residency as well as enquiries about appeals should be addressed to the Unit.

Phone: 9707 6262  
Email: [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Mail: Locked Bag 6109  
MILPERRA DC 1891

### ENTRY TO RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOLS

Priority for boarder placement in residential agricultural high schools will be given to geographically isolated students and then to other country students. Some priority will also be given to students who would have to travel extensively to study agriculture. The academic ability of boarders admitted to residential agricultural high schools on the basis of isolation must be comparable to that of other boarders and day students at the school.

## PLACEMENT IN YEARS 8 TO 12 AT SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS

### PRIORITY FOR BOARDER PLACEMENT

Priority for boarder placement is decided in the following categories:

**A.** Those students considered “geographically-isolated” according to the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) Scheme. (For further details see the Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme brochure). These include students who:

- have to travel 56 km or more (by the shortest practicable route) between the principal family home and the nearest appropriate government school
- have to travel (by the shortest practicable route) 16 km or more between the principal family home and the nearest appropriate government school AND 4.5 km or more between the principal family home and transport service to the nearest appropriate government school
- do not have reasonable access to an appropriate government school for at least 20 days of the school year because of adverse travel conditions (e.g. impassable roads) or other circumstances beyond the family's control.

**B.** Country students (those living outside Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong) with a demonstrated commitment to agriculture and science who would have to travel at least two hours a day (return) to attend a government school offering agriculture in Years 8 to 10.

**C.** Other country students with a demonstrated commitment to agriculture and science. These will be considered on the same basis as applicants for day places based on academic merit.

**D.** City students (those living in Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong) with a demonstrated commitment to agriculture and science who would have to travel at least two hours a day (return) to attend a government school offering agriculture in Years 8 to 10.

**E.** Other city students will be considered on the same basis as applicants for day places based on academic merit.

Note: The student's ability to cope in a boarder situation will be taken into consideration. Within categories A, B and C, students will be prioritised according to the length of travel time (excluding time spent waiting for transport) and academic merit.

If applying for a boarding place you should complete all of the residential agricultural school section on the application form including:

- isolation factors
- interest in agriculture
- ability to cope in a boarding situation.

Note: For Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School and Hurlstone Agricultural High School, a student successful in gaining a boarder placement cannot later be automatically transferred to a day student place; as the placement process is different for boarder and day places.

### BOARDING STUDENTS

Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School enrolls boarding and day boys only. Agriculture is a compulsory subject for Years 7 to 10.

Hurlstone Agricultural High School enrolls co-educational boarding and day students. Agriculture is a compulsory subject for Years 7 to 10 and for students entering the school in Year 11.

Yanco Agricultural High School enrolls co-educational boarding students only. Agriculture is a compulsory subject for Years 7 to 10 and for students entering the school in Year 11.

### BOARDING FEES

The boarding fee for 2010 is yet to be determined. Fees payable should be confirmed with the school.

Residential agricultural high schools can levy an application fee of up to \$300, payable on acceptance of a residential place. This amount is deducted from the fees when the student enrolls but is forfeited if the student is withdrawn after a place has been accepted.

In addition to satisfying residency requirements and other conditions for entry, enrolment as a boarding student is subject to the provision of a satisfactory medical report and payment of the boarding fee.

## PLACEMENT IN YEARS 8 TO 12 AT SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS

### **SCHEMES PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR BOARDING STUDENTS**

#### **A. Secondary students living away from home allowance (LAFHA)**

This allowance is a State Government allowance administered by the NSW Department of Education and Training. The allowance is reviewed yearly, in 2009 the allowance is valued at \$1227 per annum, paid in two semester payments of \$613.50 each, with an additional \$288 per year available if the student is in Year 11 or 12 and is geographically isolated.

LAFHA is subject to a means test, the adjusted family taxable income for the year ending 30 June 2008 can not exceed \$52,548.

Application forms are available from residential agricultural high schools and the Allowances Officer, Secondary Students' Living Away From Home Allowance, Rural and Distance Education, PO Box 717, Bathurst NSW 2795. Telephone 02 6334 8075 or email: pam.metcalfe@det.nsw.edu.au .

#### **B. Boarding Scholarships for Isolated Students (BSIS)**

This scheme (BSIS) will replace over time the two existing NSW secondary student scholarship schemes for students who are disadvantaged by a combination of low income and geographic isolation. These scholarships could be available to eligible families who meet strict criteria related to isolation and economic circumstances and will be valued at \$4000 each.

The Agricultural High School Boarder Scholarships (AHSBS) will continue to be available to current scholarship holders only. This scholarship is replaced by the new BSIS.

The Access Scholarships for Isolated Students (ASIS) will continue to be paid to current scholarship holders only. This scholarship is replaced by the new BSIS.

Further information about the BSIS is available at:  
<https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/lists/directoratesaz/equity/rde/allowschlar/index.htm>

#### **C. Assistance for isolated children scheme (AIC)**

AIC is a Commonwealth Government scheme that targets students who do not have reasonable daily access to an appropriate government school because the family home is geographically isolated. Information about this scheme is contained in a brochure published by Centrelink. The brochure and application

forms are available from all Centrelink offices or you may wish to telephone 132 318. The brochure is also reproduced on the Internet at: <http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/publications/st008.htm>

Intending applicants are also reminded that in addition to geographic isolation, the brochure lists special circumstances which might contribute to the student's isolation.

In addition, students may be able to obtain assistance from Youth Allowance (phone 132 490) or ABSTUDY (phone 132 317), both of which are administered by the Commonwealth.

Please contact the specific residential agricultural high school for more details about schemes that provide financial assistance to boarding students.