

Support for students in Regional Australia

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Introduction

1. Independent Review into Regional and Rural and Remote Education and response
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1. Halsey Review

- The Independent Review into Regional, Rural and Remote Education (**Halsey Review**) made 11 recommendations in response to:
 - the key issues, challenges and barriers that impact on the learning outcomes of regional, rural and remote students
 - new approaches to support improved access and achievement of these students in education



1. Halsey Review response

- Whole of government response accepted all 11 recommendations.
- The Government announced \$96.1 million in Budget 2018:
 - \$28.2 million to expand accessibility of sub-bachelor programs
 - \$14 million to expand accessibility for bachelor students at regional study hubs
 - \$53.9 million to improve access to Youth Allowance for Regional Students



2. Regional Study Hubs Program

- The Australian Government has committed \$16.7 million over four years from 2018–19 to 2021–22 for the Regional Study Hubs Program.
- Up to eight study hubs will improve access and educational opportunities for regional students.
- Applications closed on 27 July 2018.
- The Minister for Education and Training announce successful recipients from September 2018.



3. Rural and Regional Scholarship Program

- 1200 scholarships will be offered for up to \$18,000 per student.
- Round 2 opens **3 September 2018** and closes **14 December 2018**, for students commencing studies in 2019
- 504 scholarships were awarded in 2018.
- Information on how to apply is at qtac.edu.au



4. Funding for Regional Universities

- The Australian Government funds \$1.7 billion in base funding to universities with regional headquarters
- This funding will continue to grow every year, reaching over \$1.85 billion annually by 2021.
- The Government provides over \$70 million per year in regional loading to help universities maintain regional campuses.



5. Regional, rural and remote school funding

- The Australian Government invests \$243.5 billion for school recurrent funding from 2018 to 2027.
- Of this, an estimated \$56.9 billion will benefit students in regional and remote schools.
- Total Commonwealth funding for students in regional and remote Australia will grow from \$3.9 billion in 2017 to \$6.8 billion in 2027 — this is an increase of 74.6 per cent.
- On average over that period, per student funding for students in regional areas will grow by 4.9 per cent per year.



Thank you

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