

BOARDING SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL TERM HOSTELS

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POLICY: ICPA seeks:

To have boarding facilities provided for rural and remote students who must live away from home for appropriate primary and/or secondary education.

To ensure that boarding facilities are of an adequate standard, and that they provide, at reasonable cost, all basic physical requirements as well as suitable supervision and pastoral care.

OBJECTIVES:

1. That all government and non-government boarding schools and school term hostels which cater for rural and remote students be eligible for per capita recurrent funding for AIC students enrolled.
2. That special forms of assistance be available to all boarding facilities which offer curriculum and facilities to cater specifically for rural and remote students. These grants to be used specifically for maintenance and operation of the boarding facility.
3. That the Commonwealth Education Department, in accordance with its "needs" charter, provide a special form of assistance to supplement the State recurrent funding of all boarding facilities which offer special facilities, pastoral care and curriculum in the education of rural and remote students.
4. That the South Australian and Commonwealth Governments fund all "education access" facilities for rural and remote students on a regular and equitable basis.
5. That provision of short term emergency financial assistance be continued to all facilities which provide boarding and cater primarily for rural and remote children.
6. That where possible, preference be given to rural and remote students when boarding places are being allocated.
7. That courses in general guidance and pastoral care be available for staff in all boarding facilities.
8. That counsellors be available in all boarding facilities to counsel children that are living away from home.
9. That specially trained career advisors be accessible to all boarding facilities.
10. That co-educational residential secondary schools be provided in appropriate country towns and the metropolitan area.
11. That classes and/or accommodation be provided in boarding facilities for children with special needs.

12. That capital funding for establishment, extension or upgrading of school term hostels, by both the South Australian and Commonwealth Governments, be on a consistent basis.
13. That the Independent Schools and Catholic Schools better co-ordinate their term dates and exeat weekends.
14. That there be one exeat weekend per term as a long weekend.
15. That boarding schools offer scholarships and bursaries for rural and remote students.
16. That all information regarding annual educational scholarships be published in the Stock Journal and other media.