**Transcript: ABSTUDY for high school students living at home**

Get your child ready for high school – there’ll be new and interesting classes and lots of fun with friends – and ABSTUDY can help!

ABSTUDY can help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians with the cost of education and training.

If your child is starting high school and will be living at home, ABSTUDY can help with things like uniforms, textbooks, stationery, excursions and school fees.

You may be eligible for an ABSTUDY payment each term as long as your child attends school for at least 85% of the term.

You can get ABSTUDY and Family Tax Benefit at the same time until they turn 16.

If your child is 15 or younger, you can claim ABSTUDY for them. If they’re 16 or older, they can claim ABSTUDY themselves.

The easiest way to claim is over the phone – ABSTUDY staff will help you work out what you and your child might be able to get.

If they’ve already started high school make sure you claim before the end of the year to get all of your ABSTUDY payments.

For more information go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/abstudy or call us on 1800 132 317.