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Student Assistance Payment available for Indian Ocean Territories

I'm pleased to share that the WA Student Assistance Payment (WASAP) will be available to families across the Indian Ocean Territories in the 2026–27 financial year, providing support with the ongoing cost of living.

Through the continued partnership between the Australian and Western Australian Governments, the payment has been extended to Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, ensuring local families can access practical assistance with education-related expenses.

The WASAP provides targeted support for the everyday costs of schooling, with eligible parents and carers receiving:

- **\$150** for each kindergarten and primary school student
- **\$250** for each secondary school student.

This funding is intended to help cover essential school costs, including uniforms, schoolbooks, excursions, and participation in sports and music activities, supporting students to fully engage in their education.

The payment is available to eligible students from kindergarten through to Year 12 who are enrolled in school on island.

Claims open 20 July 2026, and the fastest and most secure method for claiming your payment is via the ServiceWA app, using your Digital ID. Alternative claim methods will be available through the Department of Education website, with paper forms provided where required

Further information will be released closer to the opening date. I encourage families to check the ServiceWA offers page from 20 July 2026 for updates.

Support is also available for anyone needing assistance to download or use the ServiceWA app via the ServiceWA Support Hub.

This targeted initiative will help ensure students across the Indian Ocean Territories have what they need to participate fully in school life, supporting their learning, wellbeing and opportunities both inside and outside the classroom.

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