

Dear parent or carer,

Your State Government recognises the cost of living pressures Western Australian families are facing, as a result of higher interest rates and increased day-to-day costs.

Providing cost of living support to Western Australians is our number one priority.

We also believe that nobody in Western Australia should be left behind in their education. All students should have what they need for school – regardless of their financial situation.

That's why we are pleased to introduce a new initiative to help with cost of living pressures for families with school-aged children.

The new WA Student Assistance Payment will provide parents and carers with a \$250 payment for each secondary student, and \$150 for each primary school student or kindergartener.

You will need a valid WA Student Number (WASN) to be eligible for the payment. Please see attached important information on where to find your child's WASN.

The payments will be available through the ServiceWA app from the start of Term 2 (April 15), and we encourage you to use the coming weeks to set up your ServiceWA account and digital identity. Further information is available at wasava.ueencourage your ServiceWA account and digital identity. Further information is available at wasava.ueencourage your ServiceWA account

Visit <u>education.wa.edu.au/wasap</u> for information on eligibility and how to claim.

We hope this initiative provides both relief to the family budget and an important investment in your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Roger Cook MLA

Premier of Western Australia

Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA

Minister for Education