



## Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS)

### Overview

From 2005 the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS) replaced and built on the success of the Aboriginal Tutorial Assistance Scheme.

ITAS intends to match tuition more closely to particular, crucial stages of schooling and provide more intensive assistance than previously.

More than \$214 million is being provided for tuition under five ITAS elements over 2005 to 2008.

### In-Class Tuition

\$105.8 million is being provided for In-Class Tuition which is available nationally, after trials showed it significantly improved literacy and numeracy, especially in primary schools. More than 45,000 students are benefiting from the additional assistance over 2005 to 2008.

In-Class Tuition is intended to supplement mainstream teaching resources, not to substitute or replace them.

In-Class Tuition provides Indigenous students who do not meet the Year 3, 5 and 7 literacy and numeracy benchmarks with up to 2.5 hours a week of literacy and numeracy tuition for up to 32 weeks each year.

In-Class Tuition funding may also be used to provide tuition to Indigenous students in Years 1-8 who are at risk of not meeting the relevant literacy and/or numeracy curriculum outcome levels for their age.

### Tuition for Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 students

To increase the number of Indigenous students successfully completing Year 12, \$57.6 million is being provided over 2005 to 2008 for tuition for Indigenous students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Eligible students may receive individual or small-group tuition for up to 4 hours a week, for up to 35 weeks a year.

Over 2005 to 2008, approximately 50 per cent of remote and 10 per cent of non-remote Indigenous students (around 16,400 students) will receive tuition.

### Tuition for Remote Indigenous Students (RIS)

\$7.7 million is being provided over 2006 to 2008 to assist Indigenous students who leave their remote community to attend school in a non-remote location or to attend a remote boarding school. These students may receive up to 4 hours tuition per week, for up to 35 weeks, in the first year that they are away from their remote community.

Where students are in receipt of RIS Tuition they are not eligible for any other form of ITAS assistance, i.e. In-Class Tuition, Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Tuition or VET Tuition.

### Vocational Education and Training Tuition

\$12 million is being provided over 2007 and 2008 to provide tuition for Indigenous students undertaking Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses leading to the attainment of a Certificate Level III or above qualification.

Eligible students may receive up to 2 hours tuition per week, for up to 34 weeks per academic year.

### Tuition for Indigenous Students at University

Indigenous university students continue to have access to tutorial support arranged through their university, after a review showed this support was having a positive impact on subject completion.

\$31.6 million is being provided over 2005 to 2008 to provide tuition for Indigenous university students. Eligible students may receive up to 2 hours tuition per subject per week and up to 5 additional hours tuition in total during examination preparation breaks.

### Q: Where can I get more information about ITAS?

More information about ITAS is available in the *Indigenous Education Programmes Provider Guidelines 2005-2008* available at [www.dest.gov.au](http://www.dest.gov.au) or by contacting your local DEEWR Office on 1800 800 821.