

PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE

Overseas student health cover is a pre-requisite for overseas students studying in Australia. If you apply for a student visa you will need to show proof that you have paid for your OSHC for the period of your stay in Australia. Hope College can pre-purchase your Health Cover with Medibank Private upon receipt of your completed student application. You will need to calculate the amount of cover for your needs and send payment to Hope College with your registration.

CENTRELINK

Qualified full-time Australian students can receive Austudy, Austudy Supplement Loans or Youth Allowance. Once you have registered with the college and received your letter of acceptance, you can go to Centrelink to register for various allowances. You will need to obtain an application form from Centrelink. Only full-time eligible Australian students may apply to receive these allowances. <http://www.centrelink.gov.au/>

CAN I WORK WHILE BEING A STUDENT? If you receive any government allowances, you will need to inquire of the maximum amount you can earn before your financial assistance is affected. Overseas students are only permitted to work up to 20 hours per week. Details are available in the Austudy Information brochure. Students are not permitted to accept work during class times.

WHAT IS VOCATIONAL PLACEMENT? Most of our courses require Vocational Placement. For example, students enrolled in the Theology awards are required to attend a local church and perform a MINIMUM of 4 hours of ministry per week during term. The Community service awards require students to be actively involved in that service industry either as a volunteer or as a worker. All students will need to keep accurate and up to date activity diaries or Vocational Placement record sheets. These log or field study booklets will be forwarded to you upon enrolment. At the commencement of each term we will forward "Vocational Placement agreement". It is your responsibility to organize your work placement duties. This agreement will need to be completed and signed by your supervisor, pastor, or team leader, return it to the college for approval. At the conclusion of each term, students submit their "Vocational Placement diary" to their leader for signing & then submit to college for grading.

CAN I USE MY CREDIT CARD FOR PAYING FEES?

We have credit card and eftpos facilities. You can phone your credit card numbers through to our office. You may also wish to save the hassle and use direct debit. We ask all Austudy approved students to use direct debit. Fees can also be paid via cheque or cash.