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HECS-HELP FOR STUDENTS STUDYING IN 2010

Local students planning to take up tertiary study in 2010 should get their hands on a copy of *Information for Commonwealth supported students – HECS-HELP 2010* and *FEE-HELP information 2010*, Federal Member for Wannon David Hawker said today.

“These booklets are produced annually to inform higher education students and prospective students about Australian Government’s assistance, and to explain students’ obligations under the *Higher Education Support Act*,” Mr Hawker said.

“The *HECS-HELP 2010* booklet also includes information about changes to support for those students who undertake education and nursing courses. These changes mean that eligible education and nursing students who graduate from their course and work in teaching or nursing professions will be able to apply for a reduction of their compulsory HELP debt repayments. This benefit already applies to eligible mathematics and science graduates and certain early childhood education teachers.”

Mr Hawker said the *FEE-HELP information 2010* booklet describes the tuition loan assistance available for higher education students who are studying in fee paying places.

“This booklet may also be of interest to local students who are planning to undertake a higher education study program that involves a postgraduate coursework component,” he said.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the booklets contact the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations student enquiry line on 1800 020 108, or download an online version from the ‘Going to Uni’ website, www.goingtouni.gov.au.

“The website also provides valuable information for current and prospective higher education students about the Australian higher education system and higher education providers,” Mr Hawker said.

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