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As a parent of a high performing student considering his future after high school, I can tell you that the major turn off to attend uni is the cost involved. As we live 4.5 hours away he would have to relocate, find accomodation, pay living expenses, pay for books etc and also have fees to consider. We don't earn alot and as such the costs involved really worry him. He recently attended the Aspire UWA camp in Perth which really opened his eyes to the possibilities. I have discussed uni with him and we will try our best to help him if he so chooses but again the costs are high and discouraging. If there are any scholarships available the kids need to know their options well before finishing high school so they can aim for results rather than settling to do a trade or get a job. There are some very bright kids in my sons year 10 academic extension class who have already settled for mediocrity as they think the cost is too prohibitive. There needs to be more information and help to encourage these kids, and more importantly to allay the HUGE stress of affordability. Thanks for the opportunity to air our concerns, Jodi Knight, Geraldton, WA