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## Free University and TAFE Guides Fill in the Gaps for Students, Parents, and Teachers

The Australian Scholarships Group's (ASG) two free guides aim to dispel some of the uncertainty for students, prospective students, their parents and teachers, and include vital information about the new government policy changes to youth allowance and student support.

ASG called on author, Mr Vince Callaghan's tertiary student-services expertise to provide a central source for up-to-the-minute information that explains the costs of study, how to access student support and entitlements, scholarship opportunities, plus the tips and traps involved when dealing with the new government regulations and criteria.

ASG's Get Smart Guide and ASG's Get Smart Scholarships Guide aim to dispel the "misinformation" that is often passed around to students, parents, and teachers and fill in the gaps with the facts.

Mr Callaghan said the changes to youth allowance and student support really came through at the 11th hour, and while there are some very positive outcomes for students, particularly regional students, understanding and accessing information about the new changes could prove a challenge for students and their parents.

ASG's General Manager, Development, Ms Frida Kordovoulos said that university and TAFE studies are the pathways for young people to gain a complete education.

"ASG is committed to assisting parents provide education opportunities for their children and supporting young people's participation so they can gain the lifetime benefits that education opportunities can provide to them," Ms Kordovoulos said.

Mr Callaghan urged students, parents, and teachers to download the free guides and share the information they contain. ASG's *Get Smart Guide* and ASG's *Get Smart Scholarships Guide* are available for free download from ASG's website: [www.asg.com.au/resources](http://www.asg.com.au/resources) – under Guides.

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**Note:**

- **Mr Vince Callaghan**, expert tertiary student services adviser and author of ASG's *Get Smart Guide* and ASG's *Get Smart Scholarships Guide* is available for interview.
- **Images** (low and high-resolutions) are available at: [www.asg.com.au/\\_images\\_asggsg](http://www.asg.com.au/_images_asggsg)

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