

I believe there should be a differentiation in the amount of Youth Allowance provided to students from low SES and that provided to those who work in their gap year to earn the necessary amount to become independent for the purpose of Centrelink and who often come from more privileged backgrounds and will retain some form of parental support.
(may be means tested on parental income.)

It is nearly impossible at the moment for a very bright student from a low income family to obtain a top scholarship because they often have to work and do not have the same opportunities for enrichment during their final school years.

And so the very scholarships which pay a student fees for 4 or 5 years plus a yearly large sum of money to live on while studying nearly always go to students from a higher socio-economic background allowing them to concentrate on their studies while their less privileged peers have to work 10 or 20 hours a week. It is this inequity at the very top that I would like to see corrected as well as the one at the bottom.

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