

## Can you and your child afford further study?

Semester one has commenced for University students, placing financial burdens on students and parents alike, however the burden is amplified for single parent families. Did you know that where child support has been payable, financial support in the form of adult child maintenance may still be payable under family law legislation where your child continues to tertiary education and is aged over 18 years?

Victoria Mullings, Principal Lawyer of Peninsula Community Legal Centre says, "Many parents do not realise that they may still be able to obtain financial support for their child who is legally an adult. The *Family Law Act* provides for a child to receive financial support from both of their parents, if required, to complete their education. There is also an obligation to provide ongoing financial support for a child who is aged over 18 years and has a disability. This financial support is known as Adult Child Maintenance and the amount payable, if any, is calculated according to the financial resources of both parents and any income earned by the child themselves".

Peninsula Community Legal Centre provides assistance to parents and students in separated households to apply for financial support. Either the parent with whom the child lives or the adult child can apply for financial assistance from the other parent.

"Often an agreement can be reached. In one case a father agreed to employ his son on Saturdays, paying him for his work. This agreement relieved some of the financial pressure on the mother and enabled the son to be responsible for maintaining his own clothes, transport and social expenses".

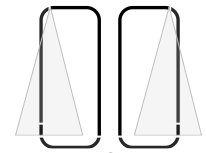
PCLC has been providing free legal services to the community for over 30 years. For more information about free legal services or if you would like assistance in obtaining financial support to complete your secondary or tertiary studies, please call Peninsula Community Legal Centre's Head Office on (03) 9783 3600 or visit [www.pclc.org.au](http://www.pclc.org.au).

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