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Dear Kina

### Your Student Allowance payments are about to stop

As you are about to finish your course; from 07 March 2013, you'll no longer qualify for a Student Allowance. Your Student Allowance is paid weekly in arrears, this means you'll get your final payment on Thursday 28 February 2013.

### If you're returning to study

If you think you'll be returning to study, you need to sort out your finances as soon as you have your results. You can apply for your Student Allowance for your next course online at www.studylink.govt.nz.

Working part time while you study or full-time during your study break is a great way to help fund your studies. Check out the jobs Student Job Search has on offer at **www.sjs.co.nz**.

#### Assistance during your study break

If you're planning to return to study and you are available for and actively seeking full-time work you may be able to get the Unemployment Benefit Student Hardship from StudyLink during your study break.

If you have already applied for your financial assistance during your study break and have received a letter confirming your details, you do not need to reapply.

Alternatively, if you or your partner are working or have other income there may be additional support you can receive.

For more information on assistance during your study breaks or to apply go to **www.studylink.govt.nz.** If you have already applied for financial assistance during your study break and have received a letter confirming your details, you do not need to reapply.

## If you're not returning to study

If you're not returning to study, your next steps are likely to include finding a job and if you have a Student Loan beginning to pay it back. You can find information on repaying your Student Loan on the Inland Revenue website **www.ird.govt.nz/studentloans.** 

There are a number of agencies that can help with career decisions and finding work. Go to the finding work section on the StudyLink website for more information and links to these sites.

To find out about financial help while you look for work visit the Work and Income website www.workandincome.govt.nz.

# Need help?

Our website **www.studylink.govt.nz** has more information and you can use our "Ask a question" service on the site. You can also call us on 0800 88 99 00. Please have your client number handy.

Yours sincerely

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