

VAEI Back to School Information Pack 2024

Reminder

Schools fees are voluntary for state schools

Schools provide students with free curriculum and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that they need for their regular classes.

The school may invite you to:

- Make a voluntary money contribution to support the school.
- purchase extra-curricular items and activities
- purchase educational items to own.

You are not required to make payments or voluntary financial contributions to your school. Schools cannot refuse your child school if you do not contribute.

Start at your school

First off talk with your schools' principal, assistant principal, KESO or Koorie support worker, wellbeing coordinator or even a teacher you get along with to talk about your situation and see what supports they can offer.

Ask your school about their Financial Help for Families policy or contact DET below

HOW DO I APPLY?

Ask about the Financial Help for Families policy

FOR MORE INFORMATION



1800 338 663



enquiries@education.vic.gov.au

State Schools' Relief

State Schools' Relief supports families in buying school supplies, such as shoes, uniforms, books & learning devices in State Schools for disadvantaged students.

They offer the following programs:

- glasses for Kids Program. Providing vision screening and glasses (if required) for prep to grade 3 students in targeted areas;
- graphing Calculator Program. Providing graphic calculators for secondary students doing STEM subjects in terms 1 & 4 each year.
- iPad Program. Providing iPads for non-verbal students in term 1 each year;
- travel Passes Program. 30-Day Travel Passes are available for any primary, secondary or specialist school students experiencing crisis, such as family violence or sudden financial hardship, to ensure they can continue to travel by public transport;
- workwear items and work boots and for students enrolled in VET subjects.

As well as the providing tangible items at no charge, SSR also offers discounted generic uniform items directly from their online store, such as:

- school basics;
- school shoes;
- workwear uniforms;
- swimwear.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Requests for assistance are made by the school staff, this could be a principal, wellbeing coordinator, KESO or a teacher. A request can also be made by a support agency.

Ask your school or support service about applying for assistance through the State Schools' Relief program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION



03 8769 8400



contact@ssr.net.au



<https://stateschoolsrelief.org.au/>



1/8 Johnston Court, Dandenong South
VIC 3175

A Start in Life

'A Start in Life' is available for students at all levels of learning from Prep to completion of Tertiary studies.

The student support team works with parents/carers, students, and educators to create a tailored plan of support for each student, addressing barriers.

Support can include school essentials, camps & excursions, tuition, extra-curricular activities and IT equipment.

HOW DO I APPLY?

can request an application pack by contacting the Student Support Team on (02) 9264 3017. Families and students are expected to continually engage with A Start In Life to review progress of the plan and provide updates on achievement.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

-  (02) 9264 3017
-  SFMT@astartinlife.org.au
-  <https://www.astartinlife.org.au/>


Les twentyman foundation's back to school program

The Les Twentyman Back to School Program provides educational resources, textbooks, and stationery for young people in state, catholic & independent schools experiencing financial difficulty and unstable living conditions.

HOW DO I APPLY?

A young person must be referred by their school or a support worker from a 3rd party organization (ie. VACCA, VACSAL, VAEAI, local co-op or health service) and must meet specific criteria to be eligible for the program. First nations students are eligible for assistance through the program. The worker referring should email the full booklist to the program when applying.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

-  03 9689 4800
-  info@ltfoundation.com.au
-  <https://ltfoundation.com.au/our-services/back-to-school/>

Opening the doors foundation




Opening the Doors Foundation provides grants to support the extra costs of school, including school uniforms, books, school camps & excursions, IT equipment, stationary and other school associated costs (schools fees and tutoring not included). The fund is open to students of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent currently enrolled in a Catholic or Independent education institution.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete the online form below:
<https://app.openingthedoors.org.au/>

The form can be completed by the student/family, a school support person, or a support worker from another organisation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

-  0401 487 414
-  enquiries@openingthedoors.org.au
-  <https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/>

The Smith Family Learning for Life

Through Learning for Life, The Smith Family connects students to sponsors whose support helps families by providing students with financial support for school costs, coordinator guidance and access to out-of-school programs

HOW DO I APPLY?

Contact your local Learning for Life office.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Bairnsdale 03 5116 1620	Lakes Entrance 03 5155 5159	Shepparton 03 5858 9898 03 5858 9889
Ballarat 0458 716 669 0428 487 916	Melbourne 03 9473 4300	Werribee 03 9473 4300 03 9473 4343
Bendigo 0481 911 725	Dandenong 03 9793 9852	
Brimbank 03 9311 2367	Epping 03 9466 4831	
Broadmeadows 03 9066 3635	Geelong 0428 137 622 0466 474 229	