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# State Schools' Relief

## Year 7 uniform package initiative

### Fact sheet for parents

## The Affordable School Uniform Program

### Program background

Each year, State Schools' Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. For the first time SSR has received government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and ensure no one is left behind. As part of the Victorian government's affordable school uniform program, every Year 7 government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a uniform pack voucher.

Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### What's included in the uniform pack?

The uniform pack includes all basic uniform items needed to start secondary school (approx. value \$225):

For boys:	For girls:
Jumper or Jacket (not blazer) x 1	Jumper or Jacket (not blazer) x 1
PE shirt x 1 PE shorts x 1	PE shirt x 1 PE shorts x 1
Shorts or trousers x 1	Winter OR summer package
Shirt x1 (long or short sleeve)	x 1 (as below)

**Summer package:** A dress x 1 OR shorts x 1 and shirt x1 (long or short sleeve)

**Winter package:** A skirt OR trousers x1 and a shirt x1 (long or short sleeve)

### How can parents apply for the packs?

Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents at [www.ssr.net.au/schools](http://www.ssr.net.au/schools). Parents must apply for CSEF by the closing date listed at [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Once approved, the pack voucher will be dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).

### Can parents who are ineligible for the Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund or, who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?

Yes. Parents are encouraged to talk to their school principal, assistant principal or student welfare coordinator about their situation and they will assess their eligibility. SSR only responds to requests from schools (not from parents directly). Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms, text books or shoes are encouraged via the regular SSR services – [www.ssr.net.au/schools](http://www.ssr.net.au/schools)

### Terms and conditions

- Only CSEF recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
- Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
- A voucher is dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier on approval. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).
- The order is valid for 75 days from date of issue.
- Once expired, a new application must be lodged.
- Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed.
- Each voucher specifies the individual items funded by SSR.
- No change to the items can be made unless through the school.
- Changes made in store will not be honoured by SSR.
- The maximum voucher value is \$225 and any short fall will not be covered by SSR.

### More information

Parents: For CSEF application details please visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Schools: For SSR applications please visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/ssr](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/ssr)



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