

Dear Parents & Guardians,

**Re: 2026 Camps Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)**

In 2026 families eligible for CSEF will receive an increased amount of \$400 per student which can be used for:

- School camps or trips
- Swimming activities and other school organised sport programs
- Outdoor Education Program
- Excursions and incursions
- Graduation

To be eligible to apply for the funding, families must hold a valid means tested concession card on 27 January 2026. Students who are over 16 years of age, considered a minor but hold a valid concession card such as a Youth Allowance Health Care card or Disability Support Pension card may also apply for the funding.

Families can include all students on the one application, there is no need to complete a separate application form for each child who attend the same school.

To ensure all families who are eligible receive the funding, even if you have applied in the past, please complete the application form and return together with a copy of your valid concession card to the General Office for processing as soon as possible.

If you have any questions relating to the program, please contact the General Office on 03 5127 9200.

Yours sincerely,



Angela Skinner  
Business Manager

# Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

## APPLICATION FORM

**School Name****School Ref ID**

### Parent/carer details

<b>Surname</b>	
<b>First Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Town/Suburb</b>	
<b>State and Postcode</b>	
<b>Contact Number</b>	

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)   -    -    -  **OR** **Foster Parent\*** **OR**  **Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)\*\*** **OR**  **Special Consideration**

\*Foster Parents must provide a letter of support from the institution facilitating the arrangement (for example Mackillop Family Services) or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) is required as evidence).

\*\*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

### Student details

<b>Child's surname</b>	<b>Child's first name</b>	<b>Student ID</b>	<b>Date of birth</b> (dd/mm/yyyy)	<b>Year level</b>

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

**Signature of applicant** \_\_\_\_\_**Date** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/202

## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

### Criterion 1 – General eligibility

The applicant must be one of the following:

- a parent or carer who is the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card.
- a student over 16 years who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card). For guidance on assessing whether a student is a mature minor, refer to the department's policy on [Mature Minors and Decision Making](#).
- A parent or carer whose child is 16 or over and the beneficiary of a financially means tested card but are not considered a mature minor.

Applications must be submitted to the school by the end of Term 2.

Where the parent or carer is seeking eligibility based on an eligible financially means-tested card, eligibility will be determined when the relevant concession card successfully validates with Centrelink on either the first day of Term 1 or Term 2.

For students over 16 years of age and where the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

### Criterion 2 – Be of school age and attend a Victorian school

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a registered Victorian school.

CSEF is not payable to a student attending pre-school, kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled.

A special consideration eligibility category also exists and should be made through the application form. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](#)

### Eligible means tested cards

The full list of eligible concession and health care cards is available on the [Services Australia](#) website.

### Eligibility date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink (see [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Policy | education.vic.gov.au](#)).

### Payment amounts

CSEF is an annual payment paid directly to the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. Please refer to the policy for the current rates.

For **ungraded students**, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](#)

**Foundation and Year 7 government school students** who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

### How to complete the application form

**Note: all sections must be completed by parent/carer**

1. Complete the PARENT/CARER DETAILS section.  
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.  
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent a letter of support from the institution facilitating the arrangement (for example Mackillop Family Services) or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) is required as evidence. If you are claiming a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

**Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.**

### Privacy Statement

The Department of Education is committed to protecting your privacy. All information collected will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic). Your data is securely managed and only shared with third parties when necessary for business operations or legal compliance. By submitting this form, you consent to our data practices. For more information regarding correction to your personal information or the handling of personal information please email [csef@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:csef@education.vic.gov.au). For more information about the department's privacy policy, please visit: [Schools' privacy policy | education.vic.gov.au](#)