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INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS AND THEIR STUDENTS USING PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Dear Principal,

Transport Victoria would like to share some public transport ticketing information which may be of use to your school and school community:

Youth myki

From 1 January 2026, public transport is now free for children aged between 5 and 17 years. To access free travel, all young people need to carry a Youth myki card and tap on and off each time they travel.

Youth myki can be purchased for \$5 online via the [Transport Victoria website](https://transport.vic.gov.au) or from a staffed station or the PTV Hub.

- Youth myki cards purchased online will be registered to the customer and will expire when they turn 18
- Youth myki cards purchased in person from a staffed station or the PTV Hub aren't registered and will expire in 4 years. For a list of staffed stations and their operating hours, visit <https://transport.vic.gov.au/plan-a-journey/public-transport-tools-and-resources/travel-tips-and-resources/staffed-train-stations>

Children under 18 travelling on ticketed V/Line services require a paper ticket or e-ticket and must present their Youth myki to obtain a \$0 ticket. On booked V/line services, the Youth myki card number can be used to access free travel.

Booking for large groups on public transport

From 1 January 2026, the Group Travel Authority program has been expanded to include secondary schools and not-for-profit groups running camps and excursions for young people. While public transport is now free for children aged between 5 and 17 years, schools should continue to book a Group Travel Authority for groups of 12 or more people.

Group Bookings help ensure operators can plan ahead and spread passenger numbers more evenly to keep things more comfortable for all travellers. Schools will also benefit, with free travel for all passengers in the group including 18-year-old students, teachers and supervisors.

The group will be provided a single ticket for the booking, so passengers aged 5 to 17 will not need to carry their Youth myki card, meaning no one needs to tap on and off, allowing for a quicker travel experience.

Bookings can be made online at transport.vic.gov.au/tickets-and-myki/other-ticket-types/group-travel. Regional bookings with V/Line can also be made online at vline.com.au/Fares-general-info/Additional-pages/Group-Travel.

Students in Crisis Travel Pass Program

The introduction of Youth myki will not impact the eligibility criteria for the Students in Crisis Travel Pass program and Victorian students will continue to be supported. From 1 January, students under 18 years of age who are experiencing crisis such as family violence or sudden financial hardship, can now access a free Youth myki card under the program. Students aged 18 and over, as well as caregivers of students experiencing crisis, can continue to access a paper travel pass under the program via their school. The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) now manage the administration of the program for all Victorian schools. For more information, visit transport.vic.gov.au/tickets-and-myki/myki/myki-types/free-travel-myki or email ticketingservices@transport.vic.gov.au.

Tapping on and off

Transport Victoria's data shows that passengers aren't tapping on as regularly as they were before the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly on trams and buses. Tap on/off data is used to plan the level and frequency of services for your school. We ask that you regularly remind students to tap on and off every time they use their myki on public transport, even if they have a Youth myki, myki Pass or Student Pass. Encouraging your students to tap on and off will make entry and exit smoother when traveling through a station with myki barriers, helping set up good habits for travel beyond the age of 17.

Transport Victoria Approved School Student ID

The Transport Victoria Approved School Student ID is effectively your school's student ID card with the PTV or Transport Victoria logo. This flexible option means students no longer need to arrange, pay for and carry the dedicated Transport Victoria ID. For more information visit transport.vic.gov.au/help-and-support/other-public-transport-help/information-for-schools-about-student-id or email ticketingservices@transport.vic.gov.au.

2026 Transport Victoria ID and Student Pass

School students who are over 18 years and no longer eligible for Youth myki can use a Transport Victoria ID and Student Pass to access cheaper public transport fares. The application form is available to download now at transport.vic.gov.au/tickets-and-myki/myki/myki-types/students.

Thank you for your support in sharing this information with your staff and students.

Yours sincerely

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