STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF Prep CSEF Uniform Package 2023.

UPDATE FOR FAMILIES.

Applications for the Prep 2023 CSEF Uniform Package are now open

What you need to know.

Who is SSR?

State Schools' Relief is a not-for-profit organisation that works closely with all government schools across Victoria. Each year State Schools' Relief provides assistance to families experiencing financial disadvantage with school uniforms and footwear.

Introduction to Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

Through government funding the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) was established to provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports days and excursions. To find out more, or to apply for assistance, please refer to the Department of Education and Training <u>website</u>.

SSR provides a uniform package each year to all Prep families/carers eligible for CSEF funding.

2023 Prep Uniform Package for CSEF recipients

Prep students for 2023 that are recipients of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualify for the uniform package and/or voucher.

What's in the package?

The 2023 package contains the following items:

1 x Windcheater <u>or</u> Bomber Jacket <u>or</u> Long Sleeve Polo 1 x Track Pants <u>or</u> Trousers <u>or</u> Pants 1 x Pair of Shoes (Lace Ups or T-Bars or Sneakers Skate or Sneakers Velcro)

Please note the following:

- a) PE items are not included as part of this package
- b) Shoes must be requested in UK sizes (please see our shoe size conversion chart here)

Cost to families

Where State Schools' Relief is unable to provide a uniform item directly (due to contractual agreements with uniform retailers) you will receive a voucher that subsidises the cost of the items. The voucher can be redeemed at your child's school uniform shop, or independent uniform retailer, which will be listed on the voucher. Families receiving vouchers may be required to make a contribution towards the cost of these items. The amount a parent has to pay will depend on the retail purchase price and the State Schools' Relief subsidy.

The voucher provided by State Schools' Relief lists every approved item, and the maximum purchase value, that State Schools' Relief will cover. Please check your school's uniform price list to work out how much extra may be required to contribute towards the uniform item. *Please note: vouchers do have an expiry date and must be used before this date.*

How do I apply for the CSEF Uniform Package?

Applications are made through your child's school. Please refrain from contacting State Schools' Relief directly as staff are unable to accept applications directly from parents or families. Should you have any questions, or wish to apply for assistance, please speak with your child's school.



How do I receive the uniform package?

- 1. All items and/or vouchers provided by SSR will be delivered directly to your child's school. The school will then contact you to arrange handover of these items and/or vouchers.
- 2. The voucher will advise whether you collect items from the school uniform shop or a retailer. If it's a retailer, please check with your school to find out the nearest store.
- 3. If a uniform item costs more than the maximum subsidised amount, State Schools' Relief is unable to cover any further cost.
- 4. If a uniform item costs less than the maximum subsidised amount, the difference cannot be redeemed or transferred to an alternate uniform item.

Please note: vouchers are not transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash; they cannot be used to purchase extra items and only the uniform item listed can be purchased with the voucher. State Schools' Relief does not make cash payments to schools or parents. Voucher must be used by expiry date.

Terms and Conditions

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What you need to do.

Your child's school will be in contact with you to order the 2023 uniform package.