



Welcome to our Parent Newsletter.

8th February, 2016

Our aim is to keep parents informed of upcoming events and important dates to remember.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the start of 2016!

The school year has started very smoothly with a full cohort of Year 7s joining us. As is the tradition we commenced the year with a whole school assembly in the gymnasium and it was quite evident that we are getting close to maximum capacity.

It was wonderful to see everyone in full uniform looking very positive and ready to return to school. As all students (except Yr. 7) had completed the step up program at the end of last year classes commenced very smoothly and settled into work mode.

This year we welcome the following new staff:

Jason Mill	Yr. 7 Year Level Leader
Ashley Rowe	Yr. 8 Year Level Leader
Paulo Da Silva	Spanish/Science
Yolande Heymann	English/EAL
Allanna Procak	English
Karen De Leon	Maths
Roisin McGettigan	English
Cameron Parker	PE/Outdoor Ed
Alexandra O'Connor	VCAL/HUMS
Stephen Stellini	Science
Chloe Todman	Foods
Jo-Anne Mitchell	Integration
Brandon Khenkitisak	English

and the return of

Amanda Chivers (from maternity leave) and Ray Sherrif (from leave).

A reminder to all families that it is expected that all students will wear the blazer and guidelines regarding hot weather are on the uniform policy doc which you can find on the parent site on the website. Below is the section relevant to weather.

- **Blazers** - All students are expected to own and wear the blazer to and from school every day except with the PE uniform. Wearing the blazer while at school is optional. On extremely hot days (over 32 degrees) an announcement is to be made at the end of the day telling students that they do not have to wear their blazer on their way home. Students do not need to wear blazers on these days. Jumpers are not to be worn as the outer garment to and from school.

Finally we ask all students and families to support the following:

All students are expected to be at school, every day, on time, in full uniform, ready to learn.

At Wyndham Central we have high expectations for all of our students.

IMPORTANT DATES

10 th Feb – School Photo Day
12 th Feb – Swimming Carnival
17th Feb – Student Free Day (Staff Professional Development)
23 rd Feb – VCE Information Evening 7pm
24 th Feb – 2016 Spanish Trip Information Evening 7pm
1 st March – Grade 5&6 Information Evening 7pm
9 th March – Catch up photos
14th March – Labour Day Public Holiday
23 rd March – Parent Teacher Interviews 4 – 7pm
24 th March – Parent Teacher Interviews 9 – 1pm (No classes)
25th March – Good Friday Public Holiday
11 th April – First day Term 2

PUPIL FREE DAY Wednesday 17th February
This will be an AVID Professional Development day

Hoax phone calls to Victorian schools

I am writing to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days.

Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year. Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans. The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

Kind regards
Julie Myers

Creating a Community of High Expectations

MIDDLE YEARS REPORT

Welcome to 2016! It has been a fabulous start to the year. It was a pleasure to see so many happy smiling faces glad to be back at WCC after a long and restful summer. Last Thursday we had nearly 200 new Year 7 students join us - the school community has made them very welcome.

It is also my pleasure to introduce you to our new middle years team:

Mr. Jason Mill Year 7
Mr. Ashley Rowe Year 8
Mr. Simon Thorley Year 9

All of our staff are highly trained professionals who will do their absolute best to assist you and your child in receiving their education.

Please can you ensure you are supporting your child at all times. No matter how old teenagers think they are they still need:

- Help in packing their bags (Avid binder, planner, laptop, pencil case - novels and calculator)
- Help in creating healthy lunches
- To be made to go to bed at a reasonable hour
- To turn off their electronic devices at least an hour before bed and not have them in their bedrooms (it is a good idea to have a phone curfew)
- Their planners signed by you weekly
- Help in ensuring all homework is done
- Reassurance that they can reach their 2016 goals if they work hard



If you have any concerns about your child's education please contact your child's tutor teacher as a first point of contact.

We look forward to working closely with you in 2016.

Yvonne Harvey
Middle Years Assistant Principal

YEAR 7 REPORT

I would like to welcome all Year 7 students and new families to the Wyndham Central College Community. I too am a new proud member of this school community and I am excited to lead the Year 7s this year with the support of the Year 7 Tutor Teachers.

We have had a wonderful start to the year and all year 7s have had a smooth transition into secondary school and are excited for the year ahead.

Jason Mill

Yr 7 Year Level Leader

Adam Kirkland 7F

My first week of secondary school went very well and very quick. I enjoyed that we went over things that we knew but also new things like Cornell Notes. At first they were a bit confusing but now I am starting to get the hang of it.

My favourite subjects are maths and sports.

Holly Raynes 7F

My first week of secondary school has been really fun. I've met new people in my grade and so far my favourite class has been humanities because we are learning about ancient Egypt which is really fascinating to me.

YEAR 8 REPORT

Firstly I would like to introduce myself as the new Year 8 Year Level Leader at Wyndham Central College for 2016. Being new to the school, I am excited by the challenges ahead and the opportunity to work with your children.

The 2016 year 8 team consists of Mr. McCarter, Ms. Gogos, Ms. Lee, Mr. Parker, Mr. Nguyen, Ms. Smith, Ms. Clayton and Ms. Whitten. We aim to make this year an enjoyable and engaging one, with our main focus at this time of year being organisation. In order for us to 'create a community of high expectations' it is vital to make sure that you child attends every day of school, in full school uniform and with their AVID binder ready to learn. It is also essential that students are ensuring they are completing their Cornell Notes every lesson to the best of their ability. Again this year, students will be awarded merits for outstanding work, consistency and any other positive behavior deemed by the teacher.

As a staff, we look forward to working with your children to ensure they reach their full potential.

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact me on the following email address or through contact with your child's tutor teacher.

rowe.ashley.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

On behalf of the year 8 team

Ashley Rowe

Yr 8 Year Level Leader

YEAR 9 REPORT

I would like to introduce myself as the Year 9 Year Level Leader at Wyndham Central College for 2016. I have the great opportunity of working with the students, and parents again, providing an excellent opportunity to continue our positive development from 2015. I am excited with the prospect of working with all of the Year 9 students again, and achieving outstanding outcomes throughout the year.

The Dynamic Year 9 team consists of five fantastic tutor teachers, Ms. Vlahos, Mr. Lesa, Ms. Nunn, Ms. Sharma, and introducing the newest member of the WCC team Ms. O'Connor. We all aspire to make the year fun and engaging for our Year 9 students. To begin the year successfully, we have a major focus on ensuring students are organised and prepared for all of their classes. As you will be aware, the cornerstone of learning at WCC centres on AVID. To help us facilitate quality learning, and implementing AVID strategies successfully could you please ensure your child is using their AVID folders (which contains every subject book), and are completing their Cornell Notes (every lesson) to a high standard. This can be achieved by ensuring and checking each set of Cornell Notes (from each subject) are completed, and contain an essential question, notes, questions, and a completed summary at the bottom of the page. It is also a good idea to be checking their planners for homework and other

important dates. Students are rewarded for good behaviour, outstanding work ethic, and all other positive behaviours by receiving merits, which can also be found and checked in the merit section of the planner.

We look forward to a fun and rewarding 2016 with all of the Year 9 students. Please feel free to contact me on the following email address if you have any questions, or require any assistance:

thorley.simon.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

On behalf of the Year 9 Team

Simon Thorley

Yr 9 Year Level Leader

SENIOR YEARS REPORT

I hope that all students and their families have had a wonderful holiday and are ready for the new school year. I look forward to working with and supporting all senior years' students and their families in working towards the completion of a successful secondary school education. It is with high expectations, the building of a partnership between the College and families and the two way communication which will see the fruition of every student's hopes and inspirations.

I encourage you to please make contact with the College if you have any concerns so that they can be dealt with in a timely fashion.

We appreciated your attendance at the Step Up Tutor Teacher conference meetings at the end of last year and a reminder that your first point of contact is your son/daughters Tutor Teacher as listed below.

Below are the names of the Tutor Teachers and Year Level Leaders:

Year 10: Year Level Leader- Rebecca Sandlant

10 Pina Siragusano 10B Amanda Chivers 10C Amy Cole 10D Ray Sherriff
10E Cathy Myers

Year 11: Year Level Leader- Marie Milkovic

11A Yolande Heymann 11B Ana Serovska 11C Del Cutter 11D Alan Bernardi
11E Geoff Bumpstead

Year 12: Year Level Leader- Eddy Hatzis

12A Peter Nash 12B Anita Herbert 12C John Cutter 12D Andrew Wokulski
12E Anthony Gauci

Year 11/12 Parent information evening

A letter has been given to students inviting all parents of Year 11 and 12 students to attend a Parent Information Evening on **Tuesday 23rd February at 7pm**, in the College Auditorium. During the evening there will be valuable presentations by the Leading Teachers discussing College and VCE/VCAL requirements and future pathways options.

The School captains have now been appointed and the successful students went through a rigorous process of presenting a speech at an assembly followed by an interview process. The School Captains form part of the student leadership team and represent the student body.

I would like to announce that the 2016 School Captains are as follows:

Darcy Ballans

Madison Clohesy

Amy McAuliffe

Jacqueline Shanks

Darcy, Madison, Amy and Jacqueline have already done a fantastic job as the Masters of Ceremony at our Awards Night at the end of 2015 and I'm sure they will do a fantastic job throughout 2016.

Congratulations and good luck!

Bryan Woollard

Senior Years Assistant Principal

YEAR 10 REPORT

Welcome back all students, especially the Year 10's. I would like to introduce myself as the Year 10 Year Level Leader, Rebecca Sandlant, and I am very excited for the year ahead.

The start of Year 10 officially began last year in Step Up and students were issued a number of holiday tasks by their teachers to complete in preparation for this year. During this time we also reiterated the

school values of being at school every day on time, in uniform and ready to learn. I am happy to report that most students have responded very well to this message.

I would like to remind you of the Year 10 Tutor Teachers

10A: Mrs Siragusano	10D: Mr Sherriff
10B: Ms Chivers	10E: Mrs Myers
10C: Ms Cole	

Also, during step up we had SRC and school captain elections and I am pleased to announce the following class captain representatives:

10A Lisa McCauliff	10D Sabrina Kirhan
10B Her Ler Shel	10E Maror Marchar
10C Ler Deh Paw	

And our SRC Reps:

Rosaline Taulapapa
Elizabeth Valaloloma
Baily Pettitt

Congratulations to these students and I look forward to a productive year working with them. We have high expectations of these Year 10 students and really see this year as the preparation year for VCE, so we will set up habits that will enable students to have the skills to be successful in the years to come.

If you have any questions throughout the year feel free to contact myself or your child's tutor teacher. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Thanks

Rebecca Sandlant

Yr 10 Year Level Leader

YEAR 11 REPORT

Year 11 classes are now in full swing and the students have experienced their first week of VCE for 2016. This week the cohort voted on their SRC Reps/Year Level Captains based on speeches that were made by the candidates.

The two students voted for the position by their peers were Manasek Ahmed and Lauren Cooper, both from 11C. Congratulations to both girls and I am sure they will do an amazing job of representing the Year 11's. I must also mention the fantastic speeches that were delivered from all of the candidates, whether they were elected or not.

Marie Milkovic

Year 11 Leader

YEAR 12 REPORT

"Hopes, Dreams and Aspirations"

As we begin a new year, we welcome our Year 12 students as they prepare for their final year of secondary schooling.

As a whole cohort, they have made a positive start to the school year and in most cases have very quickly adapted to the demands and rigours of their final year of study.

Our Year 12 college captains (Darcy Ballans, Madison Clohesy, Jacqueline Shanks and Amy McAuliffe) welcomed the whole school at our first college assembly and acquitted themselves very well under the watchful eyes of more than 900 students and staff. We look forward to a strong and committed leadership group that will represent the college and student body with conviction and dedication.

We are confident that our year 12s will apply themselves to their schoolwork and will give themselves every opportunity to, in their own way, attain their "Hopes, Dreams and Aspirations."

Welcome and good luck to our class of 2016.

Edward Hatzis

Yr 12 Year Level leader

STUDENT FREE DAY

Please be advised that Wednesday 17th February 2016 is a Student Free day due to staff professional development. This day was chosen due to the availability of the presenter. School will commence again as usual on Thursday 18th February 2016.

Please note:

Due to the student free day being on a Wednesday VET Cluster classes will still run. VET classes will be running at Wyndham Central College and students attending other schools for their VET subject can make their own way to the cluster school or can come to Wyndham Central College to meet the bus as per usual. Students must be in full school uniform.

SPORTS REPORT

Welcome back to the new school sports year which will be jam packed full of competitions, especially this term.

There has been a change in the way teams will be going out this year. No longer will students sign up to sports, instead teachers have already volunteered to coach the sports and they will announce when training/try-out sessions will be. Students need to be aware of these announcements and turn up to training sessions to ensure they can be part of the team. All students must return their permission note and money to be eligible to play on the day.

Sports Coaches for Term 1 so far are:

Senior boys cricket: Mr Parker

Yr 7 boys and girls volleyball: Ms Hills

Yr 8 boys and girls volleyball: Mr Rowe

Intermediate boys and girls volleyball: Mr Thorley

Yr 8 boys and girls volleyball: Ms Gogos

Yr 7 boys and girls tennis: Mr Nguyen

Yr 8 boys and girls tennis: Ms Smith

Yr 7 girls netball: Ms Hills

Intermediate girls netball: Ms Chivers

Wyndham Central College Swimming Sports

The school swimming carnival is scheduled for Friday 12th Feb at Lara Swimming Pool. Students have been completing sign ups to events which include the traditional events and also some novelty events. Please ensure if you are a student who is a competitive swimmer, it is vital you sign up to the events. We pick the college representative team from the results of the day, so it is very important you compete. We can always add extra heats on the day to ensure all those who want to swim can swim.

Please feel free to contact me at the school if you have any questions.

Yours in Sport

Rebecca Sandlant

Sports Co-ordinator

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Please be advised that Wednesday 10th February 2016 is School Photo Day.

Students are to be at school in full school uniform. Blazers are compulsory. Students wearing a shirt with shorts/pants must wear the school tie.

If your son/daughter has PE on this day, they are to bring their PE uniform and change for their PE lesson.

As per our uniform policy, facial piercings and unnatural coloured hair **are not allowed.**

For students who are absent on this day, catch up photos will be available on Wednesday 9th March 2016.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND

The Victorian state government has once again offered extra funding to families who hold Centrelink pension card or Health Care card \$225 towards the costs associated with camps, excursions and sporting events. These funds will be paid directly to the college and can only be used for the aforementioned events. If you are in possession of a card please come to the office complete a form and present your card for copying we will submit your application which is validated by Centrelink directly.

All eligible families who have a student in Year 7 are also entitled to receive \$225 worth of school uniform from State Schools' Relief, if you wish to take advantage of this generous option please collect a priority uniform list letter from the ladies at Administration, complete the priority list and submit it to the college for processing.

Netta Ferlazzo
Business Manager

GRADE 6 PARENT TOURS

School tours for parents considering enrolment for Year 7 in 2017 will be held on the following dates:
23 Feb, 25 Feb, 3 March, 8 March at 9:15 – 10:00am.
Please call the front office on 9741 4911 to book your tour.

ENGLISH HOMEWORK CLASSES FOR 2016

English Homework classes will be held on Mondays in M14 from 3.10 to 4pm.
VCE English teachers will be available to assist all students Years 7-12.
Other assistance may be available on request.
For further information, please contact:

Lynda Wilson,	Anita Herbert,
English and AVID Leader	English Homework Co-ordinator

MATHS HOMEWORK CLASSES

Maths homework classes will be held in M 10 every Wednesday from 3.10 to 4pm. There will be Maths teachers available to assist all students from Year 7-12.

Lilibeth Lee
Maths and AVID Educator

SCIENCE HOME WORK CLUB

The Science Homework Club for Years 7-10 will run every Wednesday from 3:10-4pm in the Science Centre.

Shalika Sharma
Home Work Club Coordinator

YEAR 12 EAL HOMEWORK CLUB

EAL homework clubs will be running on Monday and Wednesdays after school in M5.

Cath Myers
EAL Coordinator

FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER – PATHWAYS & TRANSITIONS REPORT

Congratulations to our 2015 Year 12 cohort on their pathway successes.

Of our 83 enrolled Year 12 students, 50 were made VTAC Tertiary Offers.

Of these, 27 were University Offers, 20 were TAFE Offers (Diploma Courses) and 2 were Private Provider Courses.

The University offers were for a range of Universities, including Deakin University (2), Federation (Ballarat) University (1), La Trobe University (2), Monash University (1), RMIT (6), Swinburne (1), University of Melbourne (2) and Victoria University (12). The selection of courses ranged from generalist Arts & Science courses to specialty courses such as Teaching, Exercise Science, Building & Construction, etc. There were some high demand University/Higher Education offers such as Engineering, Criminology, Sports Science, Nursing, Commerce & Education.

The TAFE & Private Provider offers covered a range of institutions such as The Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Melbourne (1), Box Hill Institute (2), Deakin College (1), The Gordon (3), Holmesglen (1), RMIT TAFE (2), Swinburne TAFE (5), Victoria University TAFE (6) & William Angliss (1). Each of these TAFE courses provide potential pathways to higher education (university) or lead directly into employment.

Of the remaining 33 students, 6 have engaged in full time employment, apprenticeships or traineeships, 5 have enrolled in pre-apprenticeship courses at Victoria University and 1 student in a Health Assistant Direct Entry Course at The Ashley Institute.

One student will be attending university overseas.

Direct entry applications, finalised last year, account for a further 20 students. These students enrolled in courses such as Children's Services and Community Services at VU, Beauty at The Gordon, VU EAL (English as a Second Language) Support Dual Certificate Courses in Aged Care/Child Care, Certificate Courses in Warehousing, Construction Pathways, Civil Construction (Plant Operations) with Foresite Training, etc.

The remaining student is taking a gap year to travel.

All of our students need to be commended on their determination to succeed and their drive in pursuing their desired pathways.

I wish them every success in their future endeavours.

Mrs Kathy Karlovic

Pathways & Transitions Leader



COMMUNICATION/GRIEVANCE PROCESS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

1

Make an appointment with the Tutor Teacher

2

If the issue is unresolved, make an appointment with the appropriate Year Level Leader

3

If the issue is still unresolved you may need to meet with the Assistant Principal for either Middle or Senior years

4

If you are still dissatisfied, phone or write to the Principal

5

Make an appointment with the Principal via the Principal's Executive Assistant

6

If the matter is not resolved after Steps 1 - 5, then the issue can be raised with the Regional Office on 9291-6500



WYNDHAM CENTRAL COLLEGE UNIFORM POLICY 2016

It is the policy of the College that all students wear our school uniform with pride. This is in keeping with our aim of developing in students a feeling of belonging, respect and a sense of identity. The positive image that the college presents to the community is also given high priority. Students must wear the uniform on each school day, to and from school and the uniform must be presentable at all times. Students are to wear their uniform during sporting events, excursions and when representing the College. Individual pieces of the College Uniform must bear the College logo.

The uniform has been designed for easy maintenance, student comfort and student protection. All pieces must be named for easy identification in the event that they may be misplaced.

General Uniform

- No garment other than those stated in the uniform requirements are to be visible, t-shirts worn under shirts and socks beneath stockings. Out of uniform clothing that can be seen under the uniform are not acceptable – e.g. hooded tops, T-shirts with logos etc.
- Jeans, cargo pants, leggings and fleece track suiting material are not to be worn to school under any circumstances. Students will not be permitted in class wearing these items. T-shirts or any other casual sports shirts are not acceptable.
- **Ties** must be worn at all times when a shirt is worn for both boys and girls. The top shirt button must be fastened and the tie tightened to fit under the collar at belt length.
- **Shirts** to be tucked in at all times. Blazers, jumpers and PE jackets are not to be worn around the waist.
- **Dress/Skirt length** - All school dresses and skirts must be of knee length. Boy's shorts must be of knee length.
- **Blazers** - All students are expected to own and wear the blazer to and from school every day except with the PE uniform. Wearing the blazer while at school is optional. On extremely hot days (over 32 degrees) an announcement is to be made at the end of the day telling students that they do not have to wear their blazer on their way home. Students do not need to wear blazers on these days. Jumpers are not to be worn as the outer garment to and from school.
- **School shoes** - Only black leather shoes are permitted. Lace ups for boys and girls and T-Bars are also permitted for girls. Runners, canvas and skate shoes are not acceptable.
- **Earrings** - For safety reasons, only studs or small sleeper earrings may be worn in ear lobes only – 1 per ear.
- **Jewellery** - Fashion jewellery or accessories of any kind are not to be worn. One wrist watch is acceptable.
- **Piercings** - Facial piercings and other jewellery cannot be worn. Due to OHS obligations, students will be asked to remove piercings or to use a flat clear plastic insert.
- **Tattoos** - Whilst tattoos are not endorsed by the college, students who do have a tattoo must ensure that the tattoo(s) is/are not visible at school or travelling to or from school.
- **Hair** - Student's hair must be of a natural colour, such as brown, black or blonde. Hair is to be neatly groomed appropriate to the wearing of uniform and off the face at all times. When the hair is tied back the accessory must match the colour of the uniform. Unusual fashion models as determined by the college that are not in keeping with the school uniform are unacceptable. This includes haircuts below a number two, mohawks, spiked hair, horns, dreadlocks, braids, tails, unwashed hair or any unnatural hair colour.

- **Backpack** - Each student is to have a WCC backpack which has been designed to accommodate both the netbook and the weight of the books. By wearing it correctly as a back pack across both shoulders then any future back or shoulder issues can be reduced. All student's backpack, books, diary and school equipment are to be free of graffiti and any type of non-school label or stickers.
- **Makeup/Nail Polish** - Students who choose to wear excessive make up and nail polish will be asked to remove it.
- **Tights** - Only Navy blue allowed. No black tights and no socks to be worn with tights. Tights are to be worn only with the winter uniform. In summer, students can wear nude stockings.
- **Socks** - Male students are to wear grey and female students are to wear white socks.
- **Hats/Caps** - Hats or caps with the Wyndham Central logo can be worn but no hats are to be worn inside.
- **Scarf** - If a scarf is worn it must be the same colour as the school jumper, i.e. navy or teal for senior year students and navy for middle year students.
- **Badges** - Students are only permitted to wear badges on their blazers that have been issued by the school. Any badges worn must only be worn by the student to whom the badge was issued.

Physical Uniform & Sport Uniform

- **Footwear** - Sport footwear is only to be worn for Sport or Physical Education – these must be supportive sport shoes. Canvas and skate shoes are not acceptable.
- Zip up PE jacket can only be worn with the PE uniform. The school jumper cannot be worn with the PE uniform. PE uniform can only be worn for PE classes, not for training sessions during lunchtimes and after school.
- Year 11 and 12 students must wear the college uniform every day and change for physical education where applicable. No notes are acceptable for physical education uniform. Students will wear the full school uniform and change into acceptable physical education attire (with a parental note).

Students who are out of uniform may be asked to return home to change into the correct school uniform. In such cases, parents or emergency contacts will be contacted. Otherwise students may be removed from class and supervised individually before any action is taken. Students will also be removed from class if facial piercings cannot be removed or covered under the OHS policy.

When the full uniform cannot be worn for some extraordinary reason, parents are asked to notify the tutor teacher or year level leader in writing. Students who are not wearing the complete uniform may be timed out of classes until the appropriate items are brought to school by the parent/guardian.

In achieving our vision of creating a community of high expectations we ask that all parents work with us in partnership to support the uniform policy.

Wyndham Central College Council

January 20, 2016



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Dear Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO PASS ONTO PARENTS

Please find below some important information regarding Victoria's student and concession travel ticketing arrangements for 2016, which will be of interest to your school community. We encourage you to make this information available by inclusion in your school newsletter or intranet page.

Proof of concession entitlement

All students aged 17 years and over, or those requiring a half yearly or yearly Student Pass (regardless of age), are required to obtain a 2016 Victorian Public Transport (VPT) Student Concession Card as proof of their concession entitlement. Application details and a copy of this year's form are contained within this letter. It is important to note that school issued student identification cards are not accepted as entitlement to concession travel on public transport.

2016 Victorian Student Pass

The Victorian Student Pass provides travel for students on all metropolitan trains, trams and buses, all regional bus services and all V/Line train and coach services operating wholly within Victoria. The Victorian Student Pass is issued on a myki.

2016 Regional Transit Student Passes

Regional Transit Student Passes provide travel for students on buses in the Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo Transit Systems and limited V/Line rail services in these transit areas. The Regional Transit Student Pass is issued on a concession myki. Regional Transit Student Passes for Southwest Transit, Colac Transit and Portland Transit will continue to be issued as paper passes.

How to apply for a 2016 VPT Student Concession Card and/or a Student Pass

The 2016 VPT Student Concession Card & Student Pass Application Form (enclosed) can be obtained from:

- o metropolitan premium train stations
- o PTV Hubs (Southern Cross Station, Docklands, Geelong & Bendigo)
- o V/Line staffed stations and ticket agents
- o PTV Call Centre by calling 1800 800 007
- o online at ptv.vic.gov.au.

- **Students wishing to purchase a Half Yearly (\$285.00) or Yearly (\$546.00) Victorian Student Pass** will be required to obtain a 2016 VPT Student Concession Card, regardless of age, as proof of their concession entitlement. The standard \$9 fee applies. Students can have their 2016 Yearly or Half Yearly Victorian Student Pass loaded to their existing myki card at a metropolitan premium train station, a myki-enabled V/Line staffed station or from a PTV Hub (located at Docklands, Geelong or Bendigo). If the student does not already have a myki, the Student Pass will be loaded onto a new myki. This myki will be issued on the spot with the myki card fee waived.
- **Students 16 years and under, who do not wish to purchase a Student Pass** are not required to obtain a VPT Student Concession Card but can still get a child myki for concession travel by visiting a metropolitan premium train station, a myki-enabled staffed V/Line station, a myki retailer, visiting ptv.vic.gov.au, or calling 1800 800 007. A \$3 card fee applies.
- **Students 17 years and over, who require a VPT Student Concession Card** as proof of their concession entitlement can obtain a VPT Student Concession Card and apply for a free concession myki (if required) at the same time. Students will need to complete the enclosed form and lodge it at a metropolitan premium train station, a myki-enabled staffed V/Line station, the PTV Hub at Southern Cross Station or the PTV Hub at 750 Collins St, Docklands. They will then be issued with their 2016 VPT Student Concession Card (\$9 fee applies) and a free concession myki (if required). Those students who already have a concession myki can continue to use it and only need to renew their concession entitlement by completing the 2016 VPT Student Concession Card form.

Registration

Registration is optional for students that hold a student pass. It is, however, strongly recommended that students register their myki online at ptv.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 800 007. Benefits of registering a myki include:


- The balance on the myki is protected if it is reported lost or stolen
- Option to manage myki with an online account
- Option of auto top up for 'set and forget' convenience

If a myki is not registered, there is no way for a student to recover the value held on the card in the event it is lost or stolen.

Further information specific to student travel arrangements under myki can be obtained by visiting ptv.vic.gov.au and going to the student area under the Tickets > Concessions > Students on the website. For information about non-myki Regional Transit Student Passes, visit <http://ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/regional-fares/> under the section 'Student concessions'.

I would be grateful if you could share this information with your staff and students.

Yours sincerely



Alan Fedda
Director, Customer Experience
Public Transport Victoria



*Confidence
to connect*

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 uniform expansion program, every Year 7 (in 2016) government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a free uniform pack.

Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at 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):

- Jumper x 1
- PE shirt x 1
- PE shorts x 1
- For girls: a dress (or shorts or trousers x1 and a shirt x1 (long or short sleeve))
- For boys: shorts or trousers x1 and a shirt x1 (long or short sleeve)

How can parents apply for the packs?

The 2015 CSEF recipients can apply for a pack from 1 December 2015 by contacting the secondary school where their child will attend. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents at www.ssr.net.au/schools. Parents who missed this year's CSEF applications or were ineligible in 2015, can apply in 2016. The 2016 program will be promoted via school newsletters and websites.

What if parents have already purchased their child's uniform?

Eligible parents who have already purchased their child's uniform for 2016 are entitled to a winter package available next year.

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

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

State Schools' Relief

1/8 Johnston Court Dandenong South, VIC 3175

Telephone: 03 8769 8400 Email: contact@ssr.net.au Website: www.ssr.net.au

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

