

The West Express

Warrnambool West Primary School

'WWPS is a Child Safe school'



On behalf of Warrnambool West Primary School, we would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which this school is built, and we recognise their connection to the land and community. We respect the stories, traditions, and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We respect the Elders past, present and emerging on this land, as we continue our learning journey together.

We Love School!

The Foundation students have completed their first week of school at Warrnambool West.

We asked them what they liked about their new school...



I like the pirate ship playground.
By Xander

I like playing on the oval.
By Baylee



I like coming to school with my sister.
By Evie

I like playing with Mabel.
By Eda



I like playing with the Barbie dolls.
By Harper

I like getting house points.
By River



I like getting a pick of the prize box.
By Joshua & Tyrese

I like playing with minions.
By Tim

I like playing with the Transformers.
By Maverick, Theo and Logan

I like dancing.
By Ava and Mabel

I like going to the playground.
By Oscar

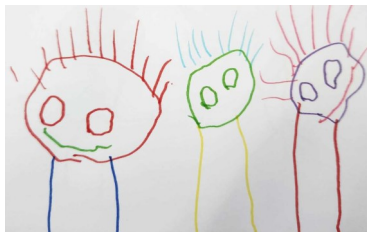
I like running around outside.
By Jerami

I like the fidget toys.
By Isaiah

I like building blocks.
By Azalea

I like my teacher.
By Cheyda

I like to play toys.
By Cindy



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SAILING TOWARDS SUCCESS



From the Principal

Mrs Clare Monk

Dear families,

Welcome to the first, fortnightly edition of our teaching and learning newsletter for 2024. It has been wonderful to see all our students coming through the doors over the past week, with huge smiles, re-connecting with teachers and friends, ready for a day of learning and play. Congratulations to everyone on a positive start to 2024.

It has been a pleasure to welcome our 20 Foundation (prep) students to the West community and see them settle confidently into their new classrooms and routines. From arriving, saying goodbye at the door, unpacking, getting organised, learning how to follow instructions, play, learn and even complete some tests- they have **all** been amazing! Our year six buddies have spent time with the newest members of our school community, and it has been fabulous to witness daily, the older students 'looking out' for their buddies in the playground; regularly checking in with them to ensure they have a someone to play with, that they know where to line up at bell times and generally ensuring that the children feel safe and supported. What an exciting time for them and their families as they begin their formal education journey. Well done to Mrs. Meagan Roberts and Mrs. Renae Blake for their work in facilitating a smooth start for our newest school members.

The start of a school year can often bring apprehension and anxiety. This is completely natural for young students, especially after such a long holiday break. A positive though, is how quickly students settle back into the routine of school. This is especially evident once they start to reconnect with friends who they may not have seen over the holidays and start building a relationship with their new teacher. Overall, kids bounce back quickly, and we are looking forward to celebrating and supporting all our West kids throughout 2024.

We are feeling very fortunate, with the current recruitment stress in education that we have our full quota of staff to start the school year. There are two learning areas operating across the school. Learning community one is made up of three classes: Foundation, Year 1/2, and Year 2/3. Learning community two is also made up of three classes: Year 3/4, Year 4/5, Year 5/6. Teachers in these learning areas plan together and each class is supported with an Education Support staff member each day.

I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome new staff members; welcome to Daniel Symonds, who is very excited to be teaching Year 3/4. Daniel has joined us from Wheelers Hill Primary School and is enjoying a more relaxed lifestyle after spending much of his time in Melbourne.

We also welcome Madison Hoy teaching Year 1/2. Madi is a Deakin University graduate and is extremely excited to finally take charge of her own grade after four years of study.

In the area of wellbeing and inclusion we welcome Mr David Yates. David has been teaching in Alice Springs over the past few years and is passionate about supporting students social and emotional development.

Thank you to students and families for the effort that is being made to ensure learning can commence at the first bell (9am) each day. Coming to school on time, every day, ready for learning are fundamental elements that underpin successful academic achievements, as well as building a sense of belonging to their teachers and friends. If you are having difficulty with your child's attendance, please make contact as we welcome the opportunity to work with families to remove barriers that impact on school attendance.

I trust that all students and families will find their time at Warrnambool West rewarding in many ways. Warrnambool West is an inclusive community that encourages all students to treat each other with respect, achieve personal excellence and take ownership for behaviour. Karen Holdsworth is the Assistant Principal. Karen and I will continue to work together as a committed and united leadership team. Alongside all the dedicated and skilled teaching and support staff here, we will be working hard to make sure that your children are safe, happy, and learning to the very best of their abilities throughout the coming

year. Please feel free to come and see us if you have any concerns or issues at all throughout the year. We look forward to sharing a great year with you and your children in 2024!

Welcome BBQ/ Dance Presentation

Every day this week all our students have participated in 45-minute dance workshops under the guidance of STOMP Dance Company instructors. The sessions are fun and energy-filled, with the students learning some fun dance moves whilst building connections with others. All families are invited to a welcome BBQ lunch this Friday at 1pm, followed by a student presentation of a 'Hip Hop' dance concert at 2:30pm performed by our students. This time is an ideal way to meet your child's teacher, other families and engage in some fun with your students. As a school, we acknowledge that working parents may find it difficult to attend the afternoon, however due to time in lieu processes the scheduling of this event was unavoidable.

Building Works

Our building works which were approved late last year have finally commenced. The upgrades include a new ramp, disabled toilet and a new sand play space on the oval. The works are likely to last all of term one. Access via the main corridor to Learning Community one is out of bounds. If you are in the main building, access is available through the library door. Although the works have inconvenienced play times and the flow of traffic, it will be fabulous to have upgraded facilities when the build is complete.

CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps, and sporting activities. If you have a valid, means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card, or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families. Payment amounts this year are \$150.00 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. If you would like

to apply for the first time, please complete and return the attached form or alternatively come to the school office and ask for an application form.

Lunch Orders

Our lunch order service delivered by Reeves Bakery will continue this year. Our lunch order day is WEDNESDAY. All orders must be received at the beginning of the day, written on the front of a paper bag and must contain the correct money. Reeves will deliver the orders to school. There has been a slight price increase on some of the items. Please see the attached price list further on in the newsletter.

Update Family Details

This week all families were sent home enrolment information which we have on file for each family. We ask that you review this information and if any of your details have changed, please amend the form, and return it to the office. It is crucial that we have access to correct personal details in case of an emergency.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and that is why each morning our students have the opportunity to come to our library kitchen for our daily 'Breakfast Club' to fuel their bodies for a big day of learning. Facilitated by volunteers, our healthy breakfast is served with a smile and a chat and is the perfect way for students to begin their day! So, if your children wish to enjoy Brekky Club be at school at 8:30am. It's the place to be!

School Council

Our first school council meeting will be held on Monday 26th February at 6pm. This year we will have three parent vacancies. School Councils play a vital role in the educational opportunity and outcomes of all students at school. In essence, the role of School Council is one of seeing the long-term future for the school and maintaining oversight (not management) of the school's operations. Council meets eight times a year and I ask that you consider becoming a member of our council. Nomination forms will be uploaded to Compass over the coming weeks, however if you are interested in finding out more about the role, please contact me through the office.

Warmest Regards,

Clare Monk



*From the
Assistant Principal*



Welcome back to a year of new learning.



With a new year ahead, new students to nurture and new staff who strengthen our community, Warrnambool West is taking the right steps forward in 2024. Our school is thriving with energy, and embracing the opportunity of new learnings. With one example of the right step forward in teaching and learning, is the way we teach Reading!

Ambitious (an adjective): is having or showing a strong desire and determination to succeed. And with our staff inquiring into Structured Literacy this year, we hold a strong motivation for our students and teachers to be successful.

Supported challenge can be 'scary safe' for students, however all our staff continue to improve their practice using evidence-based research to provide gains in achievement in literacy, therefore improving engagement and motivation in our learners.

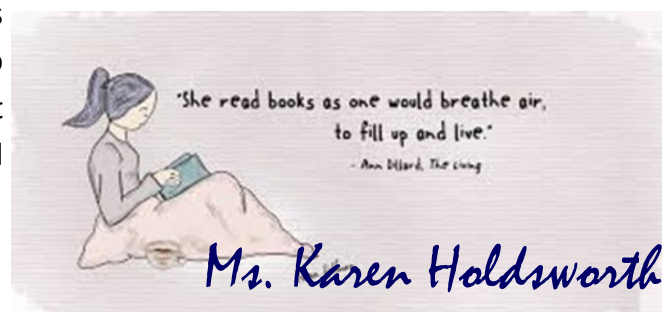
It is our overarching goal across the school (and always has been) in building knowledge and proficient reading, writing, thinking, and communication skills. These elements of being a literate individual are the currency for opportunity.

While teachers dig deeper into how Structured Literacy will look like, it is important to note how our region's Department of Education improvement leaders are supporting not only our school but a large number of schools across the region. Their provision of professional learning that will best meet our school's need will be threaded across the year and is an exciting space and opportunity for our staff and students.


And what is Structured Literacy? The research advocates an instructional approach to ensure children from Foundation to Year 6 receive high quality literacy instruction they need for reading, writing and academic success.

It includes vital components of reading comprehension and writing (decoding, encoding and language comprehension) and additional components to develop knowledge and understanding of vocabulary, and the vital structures in reading and writing.

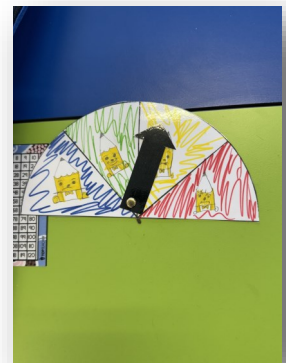
This massive layer of work influences our teaching practices, challenges our thinking and educates our staff with the current research in how to effectively teach reading. This collaborative journey we are on in 2024, will have the greatest impact on our students reading achievements. Our students have the right to an excellent education and our teachers have the right to the content and pedagogical knowledge that will allow them to be excellent educators.



Ms. Karen Holdsworth



We also explored unexpected behaviours and how they can have an impact on people's feelings. For example, using inappropriate language can make people feel upset and scared, and they might not want to be your friend.



Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 3 12th - 16th February	12th	13th	14th Geelong Cats Visit	15th	16th 2:45 - Assembly
Week 4 19th - 23rd February	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd 2:45 - Assembly
Week 5 26th - 1st March	26th	27th	28th District Tennis	29th	1st Clean Up Aust Day School Photo Day
Week 6 4th - 8th March	4th	5th	6th	7th Whole School Athletics Day	8th 2:45 - Assembly

Lunch Orders

Warrnambool West Primary School

LUNCH ORDER LIST

Meat Pie	\$3.60	Salad Roll	\$6.20
Pastie	\$3.60	Ham and Salad Roll	\$6.70
Sausage Roll	\$2.90	Chicken and Salad Roll	\$6.70
Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Hedgehog	\$3.20
Nibble Pie	\$2.00	Iced Donut (Pink or Choc)	\$2.50
Salad Sandwich	\$6.10	Cinnamon Donut	\$2.30

PLEASE NOTE:

***LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE PLACED AT SCHOOL BY 9AM ON WEDNESDAYS**

***Lunch orders are ONLY available on Wednesday**

***Lunch orders must be written on a clean paper bag that is big enough to fit the student's order in it**

***The correct money must be included. No change will be given.**

***Please do not send lunch orders in an envelope.**

New Staff Members at WWPS in 2024

We welcome our new staff to a successful year!



HELLO! I'M
CHELSEA MADDOCKS

**I AM THE BUSINESS
MANAGER IN THE FRONT
OFFICE.**

**SOMETHING YOU
DON'T KNOW ABOUT
ME :**

When I was growing up, I really wanted to be an Air Hostess!
Flying around the world would have been amazing.
I have two grown up children, I love my dog Turbo
and my favourite place to relax and rest is Bali.

**I AM A BUSY WOMAN OUTSIDE OF
SCHOOL TOO.**

I love walking along the beach. I also enjoy reading in
my spare time and my friends and family are very
important to me.

Can't wait to get to know all of our students coming through the office and
getting to know our families as the year goes on.



**HELLO ! I'M
MR. DAVID YATES**

**I AM THE NEW
STUDENT WELLBEING
MENTOR.**

SOMETHING YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME :

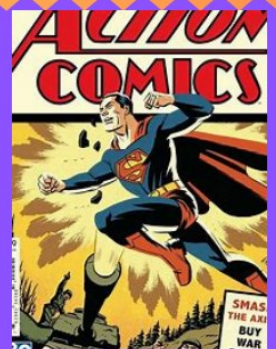
I did not own a car until I was 22, because I would spend all my money on comic books!

My best friend is 'Goodboy'. He was a lost dog who we found 200km out of Alice Springs in a thunderstorm. He loves life now!



I AM A BUSY MAN OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL TOO.

I am an avid writer. Words are my thing.
I am known to play the guitar (and a few teachers mentioned I have a great singing voice too!)
Yoga is a healthy place for me and get me on a soccer field and I love it.



Can't wait to get to know all of our students and being a big part of their daily school lives.



HELLO ! I'M

MISS MADISON HOY

I AM IN YEAR 1/2

SOMETHING YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME :

My favourite thing to learn about is maths!

I absolutely love my dogs Daisy and Roxy. They are busy, busy!

I AM A BUSY WOMAN OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL TOO.

I play netball for Old Collegians and I also coach the younger girls in netball

This is my first full year as a classroom teacher

Can't wait to get to know my fabulous students and families as the year goes on.





HELLO ! I'M



MERRAN MOIR
I AM THE NEW MUSIC
TEACHER IN
FOUNDATION - 3.

**SOMETHING YOU DON'T
KNOW ABOUT ME :**

I used to teach at WWPS in the last century!
I bet that you were not even born then!

My favourite person is my husband Pete.
Our fur babies are Wally and Goldie. They are our
rescue dogs and they are a big part of our family.

I AM A BUSY WOMAN OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL TOO.

I love the outdoors. I am proud of my vegetable
garden and love growing new vegetables. Wildlife
gardening is something I love spending time doing (not
just music!)

Bike riding is a fabulous past time to get outdoors
and exercise.



Can't wait to get to know all of our students and getting to be a part of their
music talents!



HELLO ! I'M



DANIEL SYMONDS

**SOMETHING YOU DON'T
KNOW ABOUT ME :**

I taught at a school in Malaysia!
It was a fantastic experience, with fantastic students. Very
different to Australian schools.

My family's cat has a great name. One
that you will never forget! 'Streets.'
He is a special member of our family.



I AM A BUSY MAN OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL TOO.

I love the outdoors and a handy man in the kitchen. Cooking
is one of my favourite past times.
When outdoors, I love fishing and have the patience to wait
for a fish to come!

Four wheel driving is also a hobby I enjoy doing in my spare
time. It takes a lot of skill.



Can't wait to get to know all of my 3/4 students and getting to be a part of
their daily school lives.



WARRNAMBOOL WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR WELCOME BBQ
Friday 9th February 2024

Welcome BBQ at 1pm

1pm

**Come along for a BBQ lunch and meet
other families, teachers and staff
members.**



Dance Concert at 2.20pm

**Come join us for a dance concert proudly
presented by our students and
choreographed by the *Stomp Dance* group.**



Stomp Dance



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Come along and join in the fun at 'Toddle on Hoddle'

Warrnambool West Primary School in conjunction with
West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House

When: Each Tuesday

Time: 9.30-11am

Where: WWPS's Multi Purpose Room

For: 0-5 year olds

What to bring: water bottle and a smile!

Term 1's planner of fun!

Dates	Themes
13 th Feb	Welcome Back 😊 Valentine's Day
20 th Feb	Summer
27 th Feb	Australian Animals
5 th March	Australian Animals
12 th March	Australian Flowers
19 th March	Harmony Week 'Now More Than Ever'
26 th March	Easter

Every week you can enjoy...

Art and craft, shared play, fine and gross motor play, tactile fun, playdough,
puzzles, blocks, toys and more.

Mat time for a story and sing a long!

Hot drinks for parents and carers

Morning tea - fruit platters provided

Thank you for your support, Renae, Jill and volunteers 😊

*Please let us know of any allergies and provide us with allergy and asthma plans.

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**FORESHORE
KIDS
TRIATHLON**

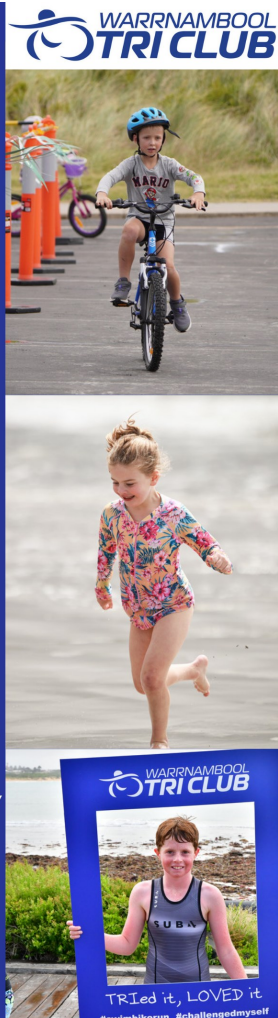
SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY
@ 10.45AM START (7-12'S)
11:45AM START (U7'S)

THE PAVILION WARRNAMBOOL FORESHORE

Under 7's - Triathlon Taster - Parents encouraged to run alongside their kids - elements of swim/bike/run together
Ages 7 to 9 - Swim 100m - Ride 2km - Run 500 m
Ages 10 to 12 - Swim 200m - Ride 4km - Run 1km
Ages 12+ Can participate in Short Course Events @ 7.30 am (Cost \$20) *Note deep water swim

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS - PAY ON THE DAY
Kids Members \$10 Non Members \$15
U7s Gold Coin donation
Sign up online for FREE Kids Membership

For registration details or more information visit:
www.warrnambooltriclub.com or call Peter Varley (0417786481) / Ian Barnes (0439733939)



The Warrnambool Calisthenics Club

**Invites you to
Come and try calisthenics
at our open classes in 2024!**

Classes begin Tuesday January 30th 2024
All classes held at St Pius Function Hall
**Teams travel and compete at competitions*

TINY TOTS Aged 3 - 4 Years Tuesday 4:15pm-4:45pm

TINIES Aged 5 - 7 years Tuesday 5:00pm-5:30pm

SUB-JUNIORS* Aged 8 - 10 years Wednesday 4:15pm - 6:15pm

RECREATION Aged 7 - 14 years Thursday 4:15pm - 5:15pm

JUNIORS* Aged 11 - 13 years Tuesday 5:45pm - 7:45pm

INTERMEDIATES* Aged 14 - 17 years Thursday 5:30pm - 7:30pm

SENIORS* Aged 16 years & over Wednesday 6:30pm - 8:30pm

MASTERS* Aged 26 years & over Tuesday 8:00pm - 10:00pm

Our first 2 weeks of classes are open for everyone to try calisthenics and receive more information. These classes are FREE for new members!

Calisthenics is an exciting mix of ballet, jazz, apparatus work, gymnastics, acrobatics, singing and acting... and it's all in the one class!



 <https://www.facebook.com/warrnamboolcalisthenicsclubinc/>
 https://www.instagram.com/warrnambool_calisthenics_club/?hl=en

HOMEWORK HELP

EVERY TUESDAY 4PM-5PM (DURING SCHOOL TERMS)
AT THE WARRNAMBOOL LIBRARY.

EXPERIENCED VOLUNTEERS ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST
PRIMARY & SECONDARY STUDENTS WITH HOMEWORK,
REVISION, SCHOOL READERS OR ENGLISH
CONVERSATION PRACTICE.

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Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb State Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster parent* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

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

Student details

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

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 / /

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).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or,
 - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](https://education.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund-csef-eligibility)

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on **29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024**.

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

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](https://education.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund-csef-payment-amounts)

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/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN 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 or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
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. The CSEF program for 2024 closes at the end of term two 2024.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

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