

Education Assistance Directory

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

What can be provided: financial assistance for students to attend activities including school camps or trips, swimming and school sport programs, excursions and incursions. \$125 per year for primary or \$225 per year for secondary school students.

Eligibility: Families must have a child attending a Victorian Government primary or secondary school and must hold a Centrelink Concession Card.

How to apply: Schools only can apply on behalf of families and payments are made directly to the school.

Contact: Apply directly through schools.

State Schools' Relief (SSR)

Families can receive help if they have a child at a Victorian Government school in any year level and are facing serious financial difficulty or exceptional circumstances (health issues, natural disasters etc).

What can be provided: school uniforms, school shoes and other essential items.

Eligibility: To be eligible to receive the uniform package the student must be a Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) recipient. For students attending Victorian Government Primary or Secondary school in Victoria.

How to apply: Schools only can apply on behalf of families for this support.

Contact: Apply directly through schools.

St Vincent's De Paul

What can be provided: May be able to assist with Year 7 education costs for those living in the Greensborough/Diamond Valley region.

Eligibility: Must be living in the Diamond Valley Region and hold a Centrelink Concession Card or be in financial crises.

How to apply: Contact local SVDP Conference via Society's Welfare Assistance Line. Applicants interviewed with decisions made on case by case basis.

Contact: Telephone: 1800 305 330, M-F 10am - 3pm

Diamond Valley Community Support (DVCS)

What can be provided: Available Nov – Feb DVCS offers Back to School financial assistance up to \$100 per child or \$500 per family (with 5 or more children).

Assistance for school fees, books, educational items or activity.

Eligibility: Families must live in DVCS ER Boundary and hold a Centrelink Concession Card.

How to Apply: Application process with Community Support Worker at DVCS. Drop-in service.

Contact: Shop 378a, Level 3 Greensborough Plaza, Greensborough 3088. Phone: (03) 9435 8282
M – F 9.30am – 4.30pm. No appointment necessary.

North of the Yarra School Booksellers

What can be provided: Second hand textbooks

Eligibility: No eligibility criteria. All welcome.

Contact: 52-56 Strathallan Road, Macleod, Victoria
Phone: (03) 9458 4749, M-F 9am – 5pm, Sat 9 – 12pm

Sustainable School Shop

What can be provided: second hand text books, uniforms, calculators, musical instruments, computer equipment, sports gear, Uni books and more.

Eligibility: No eligibility criteria. All welcome

Contact: <https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au>

Student Pass/PTV

What can be provided: a PTV Student pass is \$310 half year or \$594 whole year for unlimited travel on all train, tram and bus services within chosen zones

Eligibility: full time Victorian primary or secondary students

How to Apply: download the application form from <https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/fares/concession/school-students/> & submit at major Metropolitan Train Stations

Contact: 1800 800 007 or <https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au>

Council of Single Mothers & their Children

What can be provided: Telephone support, information and referrals for single mothers and their children throughout Victoria.

Eligibility: Must be a single mother living in Victoria.

How to apply: Application process over the phone.

Contact: Telephone: 03 9654 0622,
M-F, 9.30am – 3pm

The No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS)

What can be provided: Loan amounts from \$300 to \$1200 for essential goods and services, and Education essentials such as computers and text books.

Eligibility: Applicants must hold a Centrelink Concession Card, reside in current premises for more than three months & show a willingness and capacity to repay the loan.

How to Apply: Application process with NILS provider.

Contact: Phone: 13 NILS (13 64 57) or visit NILS.com.au to find the nearest provider.

Work Ventures

What can be provided: Low cost, high quality laptops and computers.

Eligibility: No eligibility criteria. All welcome.

How to apply: Can shop online or via phone

Contact: Telephone: 1800112205
<https://workventures.com.au/>

Computerbank

What can be provided: Refurbished, donated, low cost computers/laptops

Eligibility: Must hold a Centrelink Concession Card

How to apply: Can shop online or in store.

Contact: 483 Victoria St, West Melbourne 3003,
Friday 10am to 5pm & Saturday 12.30 to 5pm.
Phone: (03) 9600 9161. www.computerbank.org.au

Community & Volunteers of Eltham (CAVE)

What can be provided: Judith Ireland Studentships of \$700 for grade 6 students going into year 7. Year-round assistance for secondary and primary school students is also available.

Eligibility: Studentships are currently available in 22 primary schools across Nillumbik and Banyule. CAVE considers requests for support from any secondary or primary school in Nillumbik and Banyule, and can also provide financial support for specific requests by Scouts, Guides or Sports Clubs.

How to apply: Schools only can apply on behalf of families. Scouts, Guides and Sports Club requests must come through the leaders.

Contact: Apply directly through schools or club leaders.

Contact: :0414398565 P.O. Box 429 Eltham Vic. 3095

Banyule Support & Information Centre Inc (BANSIC)

What can be provided: Financial assistance for children at primary and secondary school who reside in postcodes 3079, 3081, 3084, and 3085. Assistance available from Dec – Feb. \$100 per child, up to \$300 per family (subject to availability).

Eligibility: Must hold a Centrelink Concession card and reside in postcodes 3079, 3081, 3084, and 3085

How to apply: Application process with Community Support Worker at BANSIC. By Appointment only.

Contact: Shop 48, The Harmony Centre
The Mall Heidelberg West 3081.
M – F 10am – 3pm, Phone: 03 9459 5959

The Queens Fund

What can be provided: Educational grants to increase access to educational opportunities (up to \$350).

Eligibility: Residency in Victoria for a minimum period of 12 months is required.

How to Apply: The application must be processed by a social/case worker or agency.

Contact: Email: enquiries@queensfund.org.au