

# State Schools' Relief

## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund 2017 Year 7 Uniform Pack

### Fact sheet for parents

#### Introduction to State Schools' Relief

State Schools' Relief works closely with all government schools across Victoria. Each year State Schools' Relief provides assistance to families who are experiencing financial disadvantage with school clothing, shoes and other essential items.

#### Introduction to the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The Victorian Government has a commitment to being the Education State, aiming to break the link between disadvantage and achievement. 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 about CSEF or to apply for assistance go to [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

State Schools' Relief has received extra government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance and ensure no one is left behind. This extra funding is being used by State Schools' Relief to assist students who receive CSEF assistance.

#### 2017 Year 7 Uniform Pack for CSEF recipients

In 2017 every Year 7 government school student who is a recipient of CSEF automatically qualifies to receive a uniform pack that is provided through State Schools' Relief.

If your child receives CSEF assistance and is in Year 6 in 2016 you can ask for a uniform pack to be provided by State Schools' Relief through the secondary school your child is enrolled to attend in 2017.

Parents who have already purchased their child's uniform for 2017 and then become a CSEF recipient can still apply for a CSEF Year 7 Uniform Pack in 2017.

#### What is in the CSEF 2017 Year 7 uniform pack?

The uniform pack includes basic uniform items needed to start secondary school.

For Year 6 students commencing Year 7 in 2017 State Schools' Relief will provide one item from each list below.

#### Boys:

- Black Leather Shoes – Lace up / Skate
- Jumper/ Jacket/ Bomber/ Rugby top
- Shorts / Trousers
- Long Sleeve Shirt/ Short Sleeve Shirt

#### Girls:

- Black Leather Shoes – Lace Up / T-bar / Skate
- Jumper / Jacket / Bomber / Rugby Top
- Summer Dress / Winter Skirt + Shirt / Trousers + Shirt / Shorts + Shirt  
If above is NOT a Summer Dress then select either:
- Long Sleeve Shirt / Short Sleeve Shirt

All students will also receive one free pair shoes supplied directly from SSR.

### **What does the CSEF Year 7 Uniform Pack cost me as a parent?**

Where State Schools' Relief cannot supply uniform items directly to parents you will receive a voucher that subsidises the cost of uniform items. The voucher(s) can be redeemed at your child's school uniform shop or an independent uniform retailer which will be listed on the voucher. Parents receiving vouchers may need to make a contribution towards the cost of individual uniform items. The amount a parent has to pay will depend on the retail purchase price and the State Schools' Relief subsidy.

The vouchers provided by State Schools' Relief list every approved item for the student and the maximum purchase value that State Schools' Relief will subsidise for each item. Parents who receive vouchers can work out how much extra they may need to pay towards uniform items using the school's uniform price list.

### **How can I apply for CSEF Year 7 Uniform Pack assistance?**

If your child was a CSEF recipient in 2016 you can apply for a CSEF Year 7 Uniform Pack by contacting the secondary school where your child is enrolled.

The secondary school will make an application on your behalf using the order form provided.

Please do not contact State Schools' Relief directly as staff cannot accept applications from parents. If you have any questions, or want to apply for assistance, please speak to your child's 2017 secondary school.

### **How do I get the uniform items?**

All vouchers and free items provided directly by SSR will be received by your child's 2017 secondary school. The school will get in touch with you to arrange handover of uniforms and vouchers.

The voucher can be used at your child's 2017 secondary school uniform shop or uniform retailer.

The voucher will list the uniform items, with details of the maximum amount that State Schools' Relief will subsidise from the retail purchase price. If a uniform item costs more than the maximum subsidised amount State Schools' Relief will not pay for any extra cost. If a uniform item costs less than the maximum subsidised amount the difference cannot be redeemed or transferred to a different uniform item.

The vouchers are not transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash; they cannot be used to purchase extra items and State Schools' Relief does not make cash payments to schools or parents.

### **Can parents who are ineligible for CSEF or who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?**

Yes. Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms or work boots for children who are undertaking VET In School subjects are encouraged to apply for assistance through the school where their child is enrolled.

You can talk to the school principal or wellbeing officer about your situation. The school staff will assess your family's eligibility and prepare an application your behalf to State Schools' Relief as required.

### **Terms and conditions**

- Only Year 2017 students who receive CSEF are automatically entitled to an uniform pack.
- Each student is eligible for only one uniform pack.
- All vouchers have an expiry date which is included on the voucher.
- Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed. Parents will have to reapply through their school for assistance.
- If uniform items cost less than the stated subsidised amount on the voucher any unused subsidy cannot:
  - be transferred to a different uniform item
  - be used to purchase an extra item; or
  - provided as cash to the school or the parent.

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