

Gembrook Primary School



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Vision: *To provide every student with every opportunity to be the best they can be.*

Mission Statement **A view to the future**

Gembrook Primary School is a vibrant and aspirational education community, providing a safe and supportive learning environment that enables a personalised, engaging and challenging learning program. Our objective is for students to achieve the academic, social, emotional and physical growth to thrive in a global society

Welcome back to Term Two

21st April, 2021

DIARY DATES

APRIL	
Thursday 22nd	<i>Grade 2 Information Session 3.30pm</i>
Sunday 25th	<i>Anzac Day (meet for March at 10.30am)</i>
Tuesday 27th	<i>Positive Behaviours for Learning information night 6.30pm-8pm</i>
Wednesday 28th	<i>District Athletics</i>
MAY	
Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th	<i>Mothers Day Stall</i>
Tuesday 4th— Wednesday 5th	<i>Grade 2 Camp</i>
Wednesday 5th	<i>K-Motion</i>
Tuesday 11th— Thursday 13th	<i>NAPLAN</i>
Saturday 15th	<i>School Open Day 9am –12pm</i>
Monday 17th	<i>Cross Country Lilydale Lake Grade 3-6</i>
Wednesday 19th	<i>School Council</i>
Friday 21st	<i>School Disco</i>
Tuesday 25th	<i>School Photos</i>
Thursday 27th	<i>Grade 3/4 Camp Information Session 3.30pm</i>
JUNE	
Wednesday 9th- Friday 11th	<i>Grade 3/4 Camp</i>
Tuesday 22nd— Thursday 24th	<i>Grade 5/6 Camp</i>

A VIEW TO THE FUTURE

Bren's Banter

Dear Families and Friends,

A very warm welcome back everyone to what is shaping up to be an exciting term of learning at Gembrook. I hope you all had a lovely holiday and Easter, and are now feeling re-energised as we resume our year of learning together. There is plenty happening this term (as always) including ANZAC Day March, Grade 2 Camp at Log Cabin Ranch Monbulk, Grade 3/4 Camp at Manyung Mt. Eliza, Grade 5/6 Camp at Woorabinda Yallourn Nth, Mother's Day Stall, NAPLAN, School Disco, EDEC Cross Country, School Photos, our School Open Day and of course Student Semester 1 Reports. We are also hosting a School Community Information Evening on PBL (Positive Behaviours for Learning) which will be held on Tuesday 27th April at 6:30pm in the school library. Further information regarding these initiatives and activities will be sent home shortly.

Healthy food contributes to improved student learning!

Gembrook Primary School is a 'Health Promoting School' and we know that healthy eating can help student learning in the classroom. Research shows that eating a healthy diet and being physically active can improve energy levels for optimal attentiveness, increase focus and improve overall academic performance. Please ensure that your child's lunch box contains healthy food and snacks.

School grounds:

We are VERY proud of our buildings and grounds, as well as our awesome views out across the fields and valleys towards the superb Great Dividing Range. As a school, we are always striving to improve and this definitely includes our facilities. A big thank you to Stu Watson who completed lots of improvement work over the holidays including blower vaccing, weeding garden beds, high pressure cleaning the concrete area outside the senior toilets and intensive tree pruning.

Additional works over the holidays included re painting all external yellow safety step markings and installing a new high definition TV in 5/6J's classroom.

Mathematics:

Our two Applied Maths topics for this term are Mapping, Location and Transformation and Chance. These topics have brilliant links to 'real life' maths skills that our students will be able to take with them and apply throughout their lives. Teachers have planned some fantastic 'hands on' learning activities for these great maths topics. All students complete a pre-test at the beginning of each topic that establishes prior skills and knowledge, and informs differentiated lesson planning in order to maximise individual student learning and engagement. At the completion of each topic, all students complete a post-test that is used to measure student learning growth and to assess further areas for instruction.

Board Games now part of our Swap n Go Library:

Our swap n go library that was installed in the main car park last year to further support our school community during remote learning, continues to be well utilised. We are now really excited to announce that board games will be added to the library as a swap n go resource.

If you are able to donate any suitable board games, can you please leave them at the office?

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day is next Sunday and there will be a march followed by a ceremony at the Gembrook Cenotaph commencing at 11:00am. We would love to see students and families attend and our school captains will lay a wreath on behalf of our school. Students marching will need to be in full school uniform. Let's meet at the corner of Redwood Rd and Main St. at 10:30am in readiness for the march which should get underway at approx. 10:45am. Also just a reminder that ANZAC Day appeal merchandise is available for sale this week at the office priced from \$1 - \$10.

ANZAC Day is the day on which we remember all Australians who served and died in all wars and in operational service. The spirit of ANZAC, with its qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

Open Day Saturday 15th May

Our Open Day will take place on Saturday 15th May commencing at 9:00am and concluding at 12:00pm. We would love to see lots of new prospective families come and take in a comprehensive tour of our beautiful school during the morning. Families of students from ALL levels are most welcome and student work will be on display in all classrooms. This is a fantastic opportunity to visit Gembrook Primary School and experience the welcoming and lovely community spirit that exists, as well as getting a feel for the comprehensive teaching and learning program on which Gembrook Primary School prides itself.

A VIEW TO THE FUTURE

Bren's Banter

Positive Behaviours for Learning – Parent Information Evening Tuesday 27th April @ 6:30pm

As part of our 2021 GPS Annual Implementation Plan (AIP), we are implementing the Department of Education and Training (DET) initiative 'Positive Behaviours for Learning' (PBL). PBL is a systems approach for establishing the **social, cultural** and individualized supports needed for all students to achieve both social and academic success.

Evidence-based features of PBL

Prevention

Defining and teaching positive social expectations (just like we do academics)

Acknowledging positive behaviour

Building Consistency

Arranging consistent responses to challenging behaviour

Maintaining on-going collection and use of data for informing decision-making

Establishing a continuum of interventions

Utilising team-based implementation (systems that support effective practices)

We would like to invite you to a **PBL Parent Information Session** on Tuesday 27th April in the school library commencing at 6:30pm. We'll provide the pizzas and lots of information about PBL, as well seek your input and answer any questions you may have.

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

In early term two 2021, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the fifth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC provides a national picture of the development, health and wellbeing of children in their first year of full-time school. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and develop better policies to target support for children and families.

Children don't miss any class time, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. The AEDC gives us data at a school and community level - it isn't an assessment of individual children.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website: www.aedc.gov.au.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Welcome new ES staff

A very warm Gembrook welcome to Jacqueline McLean, Mollie Trounson and Molly-Jean Alchin who are commencing in part time education support roles this term.

Have a great week everyone and all the best, Bren.

GPS SCHOOL COUNCIL SNAPSHOT: 24th MARCH 2021

DET Representatives	Parent/Community Representatives
Brendan Fitzpatrick Kerri Drew Ellie O'Mara Kirsten Varga Christian Fraser	Michael Andrews Luke Dean Prouse Dean Macumber Nicola Todd Nicola Power Michelle Atzmuller Tamara Ware Dana Simpson Walker Kafi O'Connor Ward

Student Voice and Agency

Stellar Grant began our March School Council meeting with a wrap up of SRC since our February meeting. Please read Stellar's report below;

Hello everyone and thank you for attending tonight's council meeting!

Tonight, I am going to talk about what happened in the second session of SRC meetings and fundraisers coming up!

Last year, in term 2, the grade 4/5/6 students did an Attitude To School Survey. Since it was a remote learning task, only 23 students submitted to the survey, so it's not completely accurate. All of our staff members look at the feedback and have a meeting regarding the answers, then they all make different 'teacher goals', if there is any negative feedback.

We had a vote in our meeting regarding where we learn and most wanted to learn outside, but somebody suggested only people who get their work done and are trustworthy should get to do extension work outside, either on the soccer pitch, circle of harmony or the basketball court.

We also talked about improving our behaviour with "SWPB". If you don't know what that stands for it is "School Wide Positive Behaviour".

Some very negative feedback that the survey brought was; Gembrook Primary doesn't deal with bullying properly. Now this is a BIG problem, we want our students to feel safe in our school grounds. We thought of an idea to help our students. If you get made fun of, bullied or any sort of ongoing abuse, they should either get a detention, suspension, or expelled (However far it escalates).

There is a scented page stall on the 3rd and 5th April, if you don't know what that is, it is a stall that 10-15 girls in grade 5/6 raise money for different problems. This time we are raising money for cancer research.

Thank you for listening and have a great night!

Stellar Grant

Parent Opinion Survey

The parent opinion survey is one of three DET surveys done each year. The three surveys are the student Attitude to School Survey, the Parent Opinion Survey and the Staff Opinion Survey.

The Parent Opinion Survey was presented in a power point and included a summary of the things to be celebrated and the areas to be addressed. 33 parents responded from the 164 invited. The survey took place during remote learning. This is the first year that the survey was offered to all families. DET included a remote learning satisfaction and work load component to the survey in response to the unique COVID year OF 2020.

Councillors were shown the data and given time to read through each category. Please see below the areas for celebration and areas for improvement;

Celebration:

- Most categories more positive than negative
- Teachers expect students do their best 88%
- Teachers enthusiastic & positive 85%
- Students are safe at school 85%
- Parents believe their child is treated with respect 88%
- Connectedness to school 84%
- Physical environment 88%

Areas for improvement:

- In recognition of a tough year the AIP includes the DET goal zero includes school connectedness – home school partnerships
- Opportunities to improve communication

Areas the school has already made or making changes in:

- Updates to the communication policy to tighten response times, providing receipt/acknowledgement of communications received.
- Parent forums/sharing and having our community knowledgeable and committed to the same expectations. A Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) forum is coming next week.
- Compass chronicles to be initiated.

Enterprise Market

Each year our grade 5/6 students run an Enterprise Market as part of their maths program and raise funds for the grade 6 Big Day Out and the following year grade 6 jackets. In 2020, due to the COVID restrictions, only students were able to attend the Enterprise Market and it was a fantastic success. Please see below the financial breakdown for the 2020 Enterprise Market;

2020 ENTERPRISE MARKET	
Takings	\$2,290.60
Profit	\$2,290.60
Big Day Out (Gumbuya World)	-\$1537.27
Subsidy to Grade 6 Jackets	-\$753.33
TOTAL	0

Principal's Report: 2020 Annual Report to the School Community

The 'Annual Report to the school community 2020' was endorsed by Council.

This report is generated by the Department of Education with components of the report drawing on data from many of its sources including surveys, payroll data, enrolment data and financial data. The school contributes explanatory notes to the report. There is an explanatory note for 2020 in relation to academic achievement; less data was available as NAPLAN testing was not conducted and so achievements were marked only on teacher judgements which are rigorously monitored at our school.

The report can be viewed on the school website.

Communication

Compass

We have launched Compass Chronicles, so for those students who are working hard towards their goals or abiding by our school values of respect and high expectations, a Compass Chronicle will be sent home.

Website

A reminder, our website is now live, with additions being added on a regular basis.

The new web address is: www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au/wp/

Camps

Reminder around camp dates, with the Grade 2 camp being moved one day forward due to a request from the Log Cabin Ranch Camp;

Grade 2: Log Cabin Ranch (Monbulk) 4-5 May 2021

Grade 3/4: Manyung Camp (Mt. Eliza) 9-11 June 2021

Grade 5/6: Woorabinda Camp (Yallourn Nth.) 22-24 June 2021

Buildings and Grounds

The Accessible Building works are now complete and it is wonderful that this work has occurred for our students that need easier ways to access all the different areas of the school.

The senior and junior playgrounds have received a new load of soft fall to protect our students in the event of a fall.

Fundraising

The annual Mother's Day stall and a term 2 disco are coming up. The Mother's day stall will run from the 3rd to the 5th of May and the disco will be held on the 21st of May. The PFA will also run pie drive in conjunction with the Emerald Bakery commencing on April 30th through until June 4th.

2021 Production

The production of 'Matilda' has been approved for term 3, with two performances at EPAC on Tuesday the 14th of September 5:30pm and 7pm.

School News

Students Late to School

ALL students who are late to school (as of 9am)

MUST collect a late pass from the office and

be signed in by a parent

BEFORE they go to class

Roles are marked as soon as students arrive in class

This is to ensure that the school has an accurate role of students who are present

Student Absences

Please notify the school of student absences before 9.30am on the day of the absence.

Notification via COMPASS, the school app, is preferable.

Attendance: Entering an Attendance Note

1 From the Compass home screen (or from your student's profile), click the **Add Attendance Note** item.

2 From the pop-up window

- ↳ Select the reason
- ↳ Enter a brief description of the absence
- ↳ Select the start and finish time
- ↳ Click the 'Save' button

Where possible, attendance notes should be entered prior to the absence/lateness occurring.

The screenshot shows the 'Chase HERRING' profile menu with the 'Add Attendance Note (Approved Absence/Late)' option highlighted. A callout box explains: 'What is an Attendance Note? An Attendance Note is used to explain when your child is absent or late for school.'

The 'Attendance Note Editor' screen is shown with the following details:

- Name:** Chase HERRING
- Reason:** Illness/Medical
- Details/Comment:** Fever, aches

Appointment Notice: By clicking 'Save', you understand, verify and warrant that you are a legal parent/guardian for this child and the information shown is correct, and that online approval does NOT constitute a medical certificate, and is not intended to be used as evidence to support a medical certificate in the absence of a medical certificate, and any fraudulent or intentional release of this information may be administrative, criminal and/or civil action against you by your regional school affiliated entities and/or government bodies.

Start: 20/09/2019 08:00 AM (Select a date...)

Finish: 20/09/2019 05:00 PM (Select a date...)

Potentially Affected Sessions:

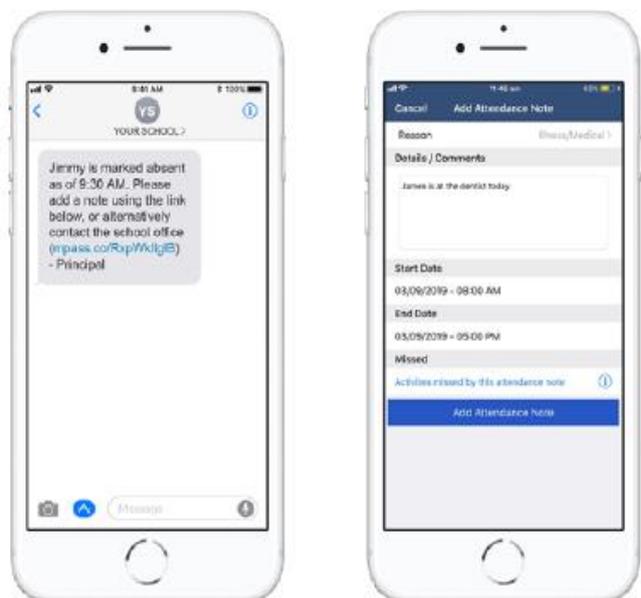
Activity	Start	Finish
06:00 - 06:15 (14 G...)	20/09/2019 06:00 AM	20/09/2019 06:15 AM
06:15 - 06:30 (14 G...)	20/09/2019 06:15 AM	20/09/2019 06:30 AM

At 9:30am parents of students with an unexplained absence will receive an SMS link as a further prompt and way of reporting an absence

Attendance: SMS Link

If your child is marked as absent without prior approval you will receive a message containing a link. When you follow the link, you will have the opportunity to explain the absence.

The link will expire after you have clicked it, meaning that it cannot be used to explain unapproved absences in the future. Instead, you will receive another message containing a new link, allowing you to repeat the process.





Gemmie's Mind-Blowing Maths ..1,2,3...

TERM 2 WEEK 1

See if you can solve this?

If

$$4 + 1 = 53$$

$$3 + 2 = 51$$

$$4 + 3 = 71$$

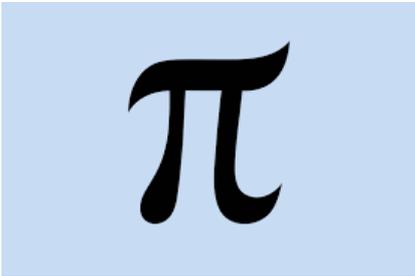
$$5 + 2 = 73$$

$$\text{Then } 6 + 3 = ???$$

If so come see Mrs D with your answers to receive beautiful star smiley face.

Watch this space for the correct answers in the next newsletter

Answers to last week's maths question



This is the value of pi correct to 100 decimal plac-

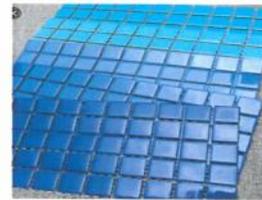
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The first 100 decimal places of Pi contains 8 0s, 8 1s, 12 2s, 11 3s, 10 4s, 8 5s, 9 6s, 8 7s, 12 8s, and 14 9s.

Requests From The ART Room

Here are some recycled items to collect during your Easter holiday break.

- Empty sauce bottles
- Cardboard shoe boxes
- Coloured ceramic wall tiles
- Old towels /tea towels
- Large size old T shirts



I am looking forward for another colourful action-packed Term 2.

Have a great Easter and a safe holiday period!!

Regards,

Mrs D 😊

ANZAC DAY APPEAL 2021

Please help to support veterans by supporting the ANZAC Appeal. If you are in the position to help 100% of funds raised goes to support veterans with crisis accommodation, financial assistance and health and wellbeing programs, employment support and assistance accessing entitlements.

The office has poppy appeal items for sale from now until ANZAC day with prices form \$1 to \$10. Thank you.



★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

April



19th Nate PrepG
19th Zarah Prepl
19th Kane 3/4S
20th Jai 1V
21 Kaylee 5/6M
22nd Mia 1V
22nd Layla 3/4S
23rd Aidan 3/4O
25th Darcy 3/4L
26th Logan 3/4O
30th Arabella 3/4O
30th Sam 5/6J





PFA



A Wonderful range of gifts

***Children choose what to give
their Mum (& Nanna's)***

Stall open: lunch break and after school

Location: PFA kitchen window

Mon 3rd to Wed 5th May

(unless sold out prior)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Contact Michelle 0422844250 or any PFA team member



ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS MAY OCCUR IF
REQUIRED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

Prices between
\$1.00 to \$15.00

A FREE after school program for Foundation to Grade 6. Full of fun, games & Prizes.

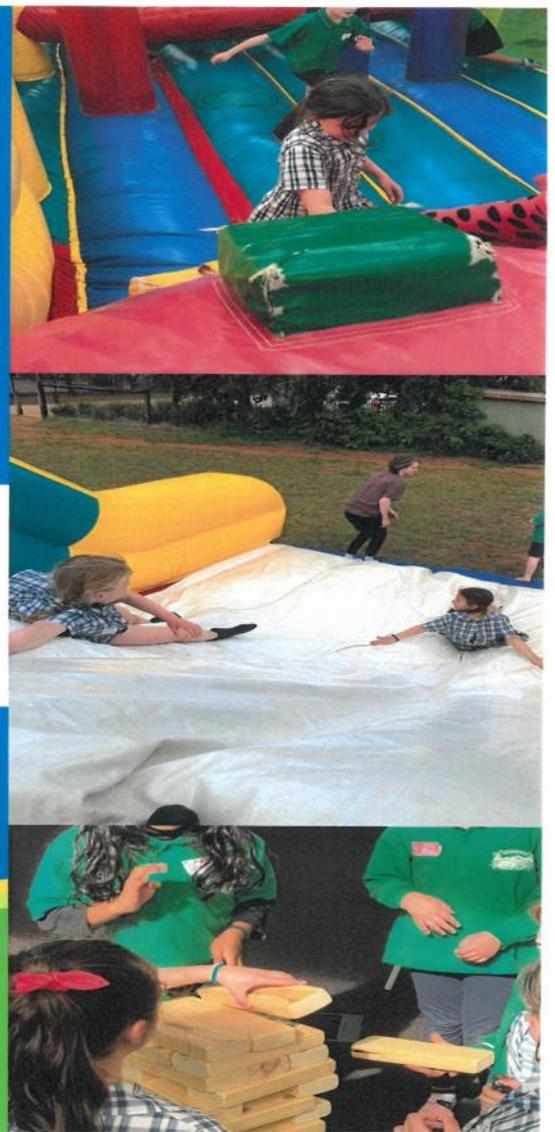
KMOTION @ GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

**WEDNESDAYS:
MAY 5TH, 12ND, 19TH, 26TH
JUNE: 2ND
3.20 - 5.00PM**

Enter at the front door of the Multi

Themes may include:

**Jungle Bungle, Messy Day,
Toilet Paper madness &
More**



AFTERNOON TEA: MENU

May 5th Fruit, water / cordial & Small pkt of Chips

May 12th: Fruit, water / cordial & LCM / Muesli bars

May 19th: Fruit, water / cordial & Small pkt of Shapes

May 26th: Fruit, water / cordial, Saladas & Cheese / Vegemite

June 2nd: Fruit, water / cordial & Donuts

Prizes may include the occasional treat. If your child has particular nutritional needs please contact Stephen

Registration forms can be collected from & returned to the Gembrook Primary School office. You can also register at KMOTION on any program day.

DETAILS:

KMOTION is an after school program that includes games, craft, stories & afternoon tea.

Each week is run by HCSI Staff members & a team of trained volunteers. All staff & volunteers hold current WWCC & Police checks. Kmotion Gembrook is a child safe program adhering to child safe policies

KMOTION has behaviour guidelines & expectations to ensure all children have a safe and enjoyable time.

Contact Details: Stephen Prout
Hills Community Strengthening Initiative
1-3 McBride St, Cockatoo.
PH: 0447 192 202
Email: Stephen.m.a.prout@gmail.com

PLEASE CALL
IF RUNNING LATE FOR
PICK UP



SCHOOL DISCO

Location: GYM

Prep & Grade 1/2: 5pm - 6.30pm

Grade 3: Choose ONE timeslot

Grades 4 - 6: 6.45pm - 8.15pm

FRIDAY 21st MAY

\$5- per student

Check COMPASS for PMT link or pay cash on entry

Icy Poles, Lollies, Lucky Dip and Glow Sticks for sale from \$0.50

GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS TERM 2

	Weekly Lunch Special \$5.00	Weekly Treat Special \$2.50
 23RD APRIL	Grilled Chicken Tenders Honey soy Grilled Chicken tenders with rice.	Apple Muffin
30TH APRIL	Savoury Muffin Ham, cheese and herb.	Chocolate Muffin
7TH MAY	Sausage Roll With tomato sauce.	Shortbread Cookie
14TH MAY	Pasta Bake Penne pasta, napoli sauce and cheese.	Gingerbread Cookie
21ST MAY	Pizza Ham, cheese and tomato paste.	Blueberry Muffin
28TH MAY	Nachos Cheese, salsa and sour cream.	Choc Chip Cookie
4TH JUNE	NO SCHOOL LUNCHES - CURRICULUM DAY	
11TH JUNE	Baked Potato Cheese, coleslaw, sour cream.	Chocolate and Raspberry Muffin
18TH JUNE	Sausage Roll With tomato sauce.	Lemon and Coconut Muffin

EXTRAS	
Carrot Sticks	\$2.00
Beetroot Hummus	\$1.50
Corn Chips	\$2.00
Apple / Orange Juice	\$2.70

CSEF NEWS



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 while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is 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

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

Latest application date 25/6/2021, the sooner the application is made the sooner the funds may become available.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



