



## ARARAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of May this year, the Victorian State Government announced a \$148 million Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF). This fund assists eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school of the eligible applicant. Foster parents and families who held a valid means-tested concession card on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 are eligible to apply for \$125 per primary school student and \$225 per secondary school student.

CSEF payments will be processed directly to schools and are expected to commence from term three each year. The money is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

At Ararat Primary School, CSEF funding may be used for:

- Prep - 2 Swimming Program
- Grade 1 Late Night
- Grade 2 Sleepover
- Grade 3/4 Camp
- Grade 5 Camp
- Grade 6 Camp
- Black Ranges Sporting Events
- Any other excursion

Payments cannot be made retrospectively, that is for events that have already happened, however any unallocated amounts may be carried over into next year. These funds may still only be used for camps, excursions or sporting activities.

Applications for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund close on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June - the last day of Term Two.

An application form has been included with this fact sheet, and additional application forms are available from the school office or via our website: [www.araratps.vic.edu.au/school-notes.html](http://www.araratps.vic.edu.au/school-notes.html).

Payments are expected to be finalised by the end of term three each year.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Molan  
PRINCIPAL

### Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

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. The allowance will be 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 will be:

- \$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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

#### Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)



# CSEF Application Form

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

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

## Student details

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

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- the department will use information I have provided to the DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to the DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid unless I withdraw it by contacting the school or the department.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to DET 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 DET.
- Some personal information may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

You are able to 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    /    /

## CSEF eligibility

Below is 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 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 two, or;
  - on the first day of Term three;
1. 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
  2. Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  3. Submit an application to the school by the due date.

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 17 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 18 years inclusive.

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

### Eligibility Date

CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term two (13 April 2015) or term three (13 July 2015).

## 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: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

## 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 Centrelink card - unless you are claiming as a Foster Parent or Veterans Affairs Pensioner. You will also need to provide your Centrelink card to the school.  
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, tick the appropriate box. In this case, 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.  
The CSEF payment is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
  - enter SURNAME AND FIRST NAMES in full.
  - enter the DATE OF BIRTH e.g. 15/09/2008.
  - enter the YEAR LEVEL, unless the student is ungraded, e.g. attending a Special School or language Centre, then enter 'UNGRADED' in the YEAR LEVEL column.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

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