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## MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### IMPORTANT DATES

**APRIL 29** PREP INCURSION

**APRIL 30** DRESS UP DAY!

**MAY 4** MOTHERS DAY STALL

**MAY 5** MOTHERS DAY STALL

**MAY 6** MOTHERS DAY STALL

**MAY 10** DISTRICT X-COUNTRY

**MAY 11** NAPLAN BEGINS

**MAY 13** NAPLAN ENDS

**MAY 18** SCHOOL PHOTOS

**JUNE 14** PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**JUNE 25** LAST DAY TERM 2:

2.30PM FINISH

... SEE INSIDE FOR MORE

VALUE OF THE  
MONTH

**GETTING  
ALONG**



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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

## WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to school for term 2! It has been wonderful to see the smooth start that our students have had and the positive and calm feel across all classrooms. During my travels through the classrooms on our first day back I really sensed that our students were refreshed and full of energy and enthusiasm for the term ahead.

## GROUNDS WORKS

The School Holidays were, as is becoming the norm, a terrific opportunity to embark upon additional grounds works at Mitcham Primary School. We had our flag pole courtyard re-asphalted, shortly we will be adorning the new surface with some wonderful colourful line markings. We also had a team come in and spend many hours weeding and tidying our grounds, these jobs came to fruition because of the time and energy dedicated to the school and our school grounds by Lucille and Adam Matthews, I thank them greatly for all their efforts and commitment.

We have some very exciting projects planned to commence during this term including the refurbishment of our Tirana Street building, transforming the building into a purposely fitted out 'Makerspace'. Our Makerspace will be a place that can be used for a range of activities with changing and flexible educational goals and creative purposes. We hope that space will:

- Foster play, exploration and participatory learning
- Be a place where students can use, and learn to use materials and develop creative projects
- Facilitate informal learning opportunities where connections between home, school, and community are enabled and encouraged
- Provide opportunities for collaborative learning where teachers and students can pool their skills and knowledge and share in the tasks of teaching and learning
- Develop a culture of creating as opposed to consuming

It is our plan that activity areas in the Makerspace will include:

- Woodwork construction zone
- Tinkering zone - mechanical equipment
- Makerspace kitchen
- Lego construction zone
- Cardboard construction zone
- Robotics zone
- 3D zone - including 3D printer
- Vegetable gardening zone

After being a consistent part of our Mitcham Primary School Community and operating out of the Tirana Street building for well over a decade, Gymbaroo will be relocating to new larger premises. Our Makerspace will be established in the parts of the Tirana Street building currently being leased by Gymbaroo. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Gymbaroo every success in their new location.

Works on our Makerspace will commence in the first week of June and we hope it will be open for use by the beginning of Term 3.

## ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

This Sunday is ANZAC Day, this week all our students have been learning about the ANZACs in their classes and are being taught the importance of ANZAC day.

On Sunday morning our school captains and myself will be attending the Mitcham ANZAC Day Dawn Service. The service will commence just before 6.00a.m. at the memorial in Halliday Park. Please feel free to join us, we will be meeting just outside the Bowling Green Lane car park at 5:45a.m. and walking across to the memorial.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

*Lest We Forget.*

**Erin Norman: Principal**



ENROL NOW 2022



**Mitcham Primary School**

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**PREP**

**2022**



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# IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
29 April	Prep: Mad About Science
30 April	Movie Character Dress Up Day
4 - 6 May	Mothers Day Stall
10 May	District Cross Country
11 - 13 May	NAPLAN
14 - 21 May	Robotics Incursion
18 May	School Photos
19 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
1—9 June	Somers Camp
4 June	5/6 Interschool Sport
14 June	Public Holiday
18 June	5/6 Interschool Sport
25 June	Last Day Term 2 - 2.30pm Finish
12 July	First Day Term 3
28 July	3/4 Hoop Time Basketball
11 August	5/6 Hoop Time Basketball
21 - 27 August	Book Week

DATE	EVENT
18 August	Author Visit: Heath McKenzie
30 August	District Athletics (TBC)
30 Aug - 1 Sept	3/4 Camp Group 1
1 – 3 September	3/4 Camp Group 2
3 September	5/6 Interschool Sport
14 September	5/6 Interschool Sport
17 September	Last Day Term 3 - 2.30pm
4 October	First Day Term 4
21—26 October	Book Fair
2 November	Public Holiday
3 November	3 - 6 Swimming Starts
12 November	3 - 6 Swimming Ends
15 November	Prep - 2 Swimming Starts
26 November	Prep - 2 Swimming Ends
17 December	Last Day Term 4



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MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

# Movie Character DRESS UP DAY

*Organised by Mitcham Primary School's  
student-led Junior School Council for State  
Schools Relief.*



**FRIDAY 30 APRIL**

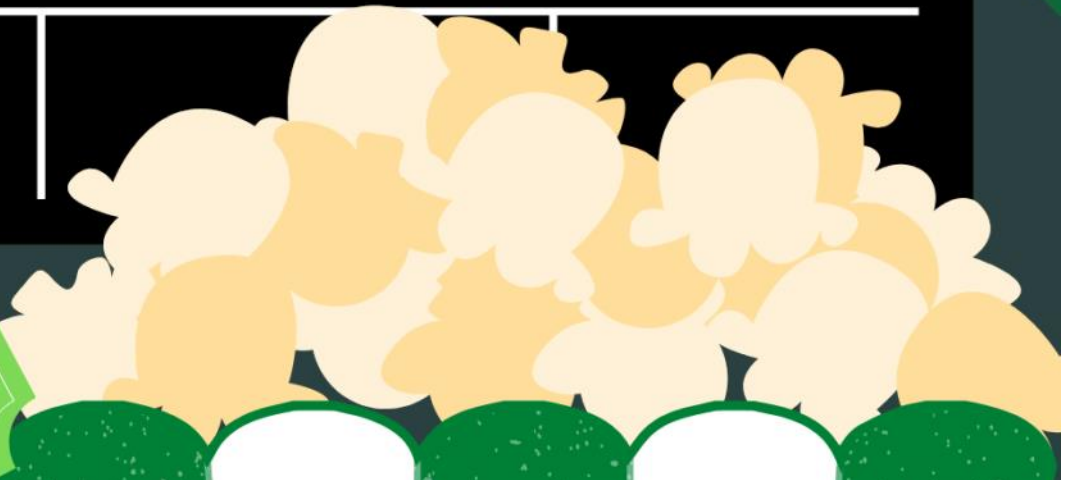
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**GOLD COIN DONATION**

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**COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED AS A  
MOVIE CHARACTER!**

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# CROSS COUNTRY FUN





# FROM THE MITCHAM PRIMARY OFFICE

## MULLAUNA COLLEGE HIGH ACHIEVERS TESTING 2022

Testing for the Mullauna College 2022 High Achievers Excel class for next year is taking place soon! Our testing will take place on **Friday 7 May** at 9.00am.

Parents are asked to complete an online submission using the following survey link:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/SW8LQB8](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SW8LQB8)

## CSEF (CAMPS & SCHOOL EXCURSIONS FUND)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- School camps or trips
- Swimming and school-organised sport programs
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions and incursions.

Applications for 2021 are now open and will close at the end of Term 2. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

Successful applicants will receive \$125 per year for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the individual student. Most payments start from March onwards.

Payments are for the application year and cannot be claimed for previous years.

The CSEF payment cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, books, stationery, school uniforms, before/after school care, music lessons, or formals/graduations.

You will only need to submit an application form in 2021 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- Your child has started or changed schools in 2021 or you did not apply at the same school in a previous year
- Changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession

card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2021.

We are able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year.

The payment system only allows one application per student. Parents in shared custody situations (who both hold a concession card) must make the decision beforehand who applies for the CSEF at the school on behalf of their children.

If you have already paid for some camp, sports or excursion costs up front, you have the option to

- Allocate the payment towards remaining activities in 2020
- Carry over the amount to be used on eligible activities in 2021

Please note, CSEF funds cannot be directly refunded to families.

If you think you may be eligible, and are yet to apply, or would like more information, please see the information and application sheets enclosed in the later pages of this newsletter. Alternatively, contact our school office for more information.

## CENTREPAY

Centrepay is a free bill paying service that allows applicable families to pay bills and other costs, direct from their Centrelink payments.

Using Centrepay you can arrange regular deductions from your Centrelink payment. You can start, change, or stop using Centrepay whenever you like. You can use it for your regular bills and other ongoing expenses, such as rent, electricity, phone and school fees.

Contact the Mitcham Primary School Office, or [click here](#) for more information.



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Our Autumn vacation care program was full of exciting themes, incursions and excursions. We had heaps of fun at the Caribbean Rollerama Roller-skating rink and we learnt heaps of circus skills at the National Institute of Circus Arts (NICA). Our incursions included an Aboriginal Culture session via Virtual Reality and a S.T.E.M Sports Robotics session. We gave a warm welcome back to our children as we return to school in Term 2.

Our activities for this week involved acknowledging ANZAC Day, where children made stick poppies and completed several ANZAC Day colouring sheets and word searches. We also made a display poster of all the poppies. Several children made poppies out of our Lego.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have started two clubs: Chess Club on Tuesdays and Bird-Watching Club on Wednesdays (this is subject to change.)

Parents, you are now allowed to enter the OSH Building to drop off/pick up your child/ren. Please allow some time in familiarizing yourself with the KidSoft signing in/out of your child/ren from the service. If you are doing it for the first time you will need your mobile phone to do this, please remember to bring it in with you. Our friendly OSH team will assist you in this process – thank you!

## UPCOMING DATES

**25th April** – Anzac day

**2nd - 8th May** - International Composting Awareness Week

## PREP STUDENTS

All the preps will be picked up from their classes in the afternoon and dropped to their classes in the morning when attending the OSH Club.

## REMEMBER...

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) all bookings and

cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

Ensuring your children are booked to attend OSHClub helps us to cater for your children's needs and ensure we are compliant with national regulations and OSHClub policy. If you are having difficulty using the OSHClub online booking system, please call head office on: 1300 395 735.

Otherwise, you can book your child into the program on the day by calling or texting: 0422 097 497.

Program times are from 7.00 am - 9.00 am and 2:30pm—6:30pm, bookings will be confirmed during these times. Please notify the program if your child will be absent if you are unable to cancel the booking online. A courtesy phone call, voicemail or text will be highly appreciated and allow our team to focus on the children in attendance.

**Enrol Now:** [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au)

**OSHClub Program Phone:** 0422 097 497

**OSHClub Head Office:** 1300 395 735







# HIP HOP LUNCHTIME

Learn hip hop with Australia's leading hip hop dance school **Street Dance Studios**. You may have seen their dance crew Superhoodz on Australia's Got Talent or at the NBL as Melbourne United's official dance school - now they are coming directly to your school for their lunchtime dance programs.

Street Dance Studios are a local dance club who are running a senior hip-hop dance program to any interested students during Term 2. It will be available for students from grades 3-6.

## Mitcham Primary School

Year 3-6: Weekly Thursday lunchtime  
Commences: 29th April 2021  
Finishes: 17th June 2021

# \$88

for the term for Online payment

# \$80

for cash payment

*For cash option*, please enrol online and sign up via 'enrol as unpaid'. Once done, pack an envelope with payment along to the first lesson, with the heading '**SDS LTP**' and your child's full name.

If you had signed up last year prior to lockdown, please email [info@streetdancestudios.com.au](mailto:info@streetdancestudios.com.au) to register for your credit classes

## REGISTRATION

[www.streetdancestudios.com.au/enrol](http://www.streetdancestudios.com.au/enrol)



## Mitcham Primary School Hot Shot Tennis Program

**Term 2 commences Monday 26th April 2021**

**Cost per seven (7) week term - \$94.00**

### **Lesson Details:**

Lessons are held in the school grounds. Each lesson consists of different themes with loads of fun games. Coaches work on footwork, balance skills, decision making and the fundamentals of each stroke. All Tennis in Stages coaches are outrageously enthusiastic, passionate and have played at a high level of competition.

- Group and private coaching available
- After school and weekend tennis coaching at Bulleen Tennis Club (Melways ref: 32 K7)



***Free tennis racquet & welcome pack with each new enrolment!!***

Places cannot be held unless payment accompanies this form. Please fill out and return form with payment to the **school office** by Monday 26th April 2021.

**Cheques to be made payable to Tennis in Stages. Banking details: Bank: Commonwealth Bank. BSB 063236 Account No: 10173271. Please use student's name & school as reference.**

**Tennis in Stages** 56 Aylmer Street, North Balwyn Vic 3104  
For enquiries call Russell Cornhels (Director) 8508 9086 or 0408 365 636

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### **ENROLMENT FORM**

#### **Mitcham Primary School Hot Shot Tennis Program Term 2 2021**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's First Names \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Business) \_\_\_\_\_

Please enrol me in (tick one):

- |                   |                          |                 |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Tuesday Lunchtime | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1.35pm – 2.05pm |
| Tuesday Lunchtime | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1.55pm – 2.25pm |
| Friday Lunchtime  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1.35pm – 2.05pm |
| Friday Lunchtime  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1.55pm – 2.25pm |

**Tennis in Stages School Tennis Program**





# IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!



## MITCHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

WALKER PARK - Whitehorse Road NUNAWADING

Start - 23/04/2021 Friday Nights 6pm - 7:30pm

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/org/mitcham-auskick-centre/501d5474/register> - Craig 0408536539



[play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)







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## Open days

### Monday 26 April 2021

1st tour and presentation: 9.45 am -11.15 am

2nd tour and presentation: 1.30 pm -3.00 pm

### Tuesday 27 April 2021

Tour and presentation: 9.45 am -11.15 am

**See College website for booking details. Bookings are essential.**







# Parenting Information Forum

Supporting Parents, Grandparents and Carers



## DADS TOOLKIT - IMPORTANCE OF FATHERS IN CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (FATHERS & CARERS OF CHILDREN AGED 0-10 YEARS)

Presented online by Laurie Arrowsmith is a ParentZone group facilitator, parent, counsellor, and parent coach.

Are you a Dad looking to add parenting tools and tips into your toolkit?

Do you want to learn strategies to develop your relationship and communication with your children?

Whitehorse Council invite you to join ParentZone for this FREE relaxed webinar to learn the tricks of the trade - that is being a Dad!



**PARENTZONE**

### DATE

Wednesday 28 April 2021

### TIME

7pm-8.30pm online via Zoom

### BOOKINGS

Registering your attendance is essential. Please book online on Council's website [www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/events/dads-toolkit-2021](http://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/events/dads-toolkit-2021)

### OTHER INFORMATION

To request additional access support including interpreting please contact Council's Parenting Resource Officer on 9262 6175 or [parentresource@whitehorse.vic.gov.au](mailto:parentresource@whitehorse.vic.gov.au)



# Take the City Nature Challenge 2021

April 30–May 3



## Let's shine a spotlight on Eastern Melbourne's outstanding urban biodiversity!

Whitehorse has joined forces with seven other Councils in Eastern Melbourne. They are Boroondara, Greater Dandenong, Knox, Maroondah, Monash, Manningham and Stonnington and together we will represent Melbourne on the global stage in the annual City Nature Challenge.

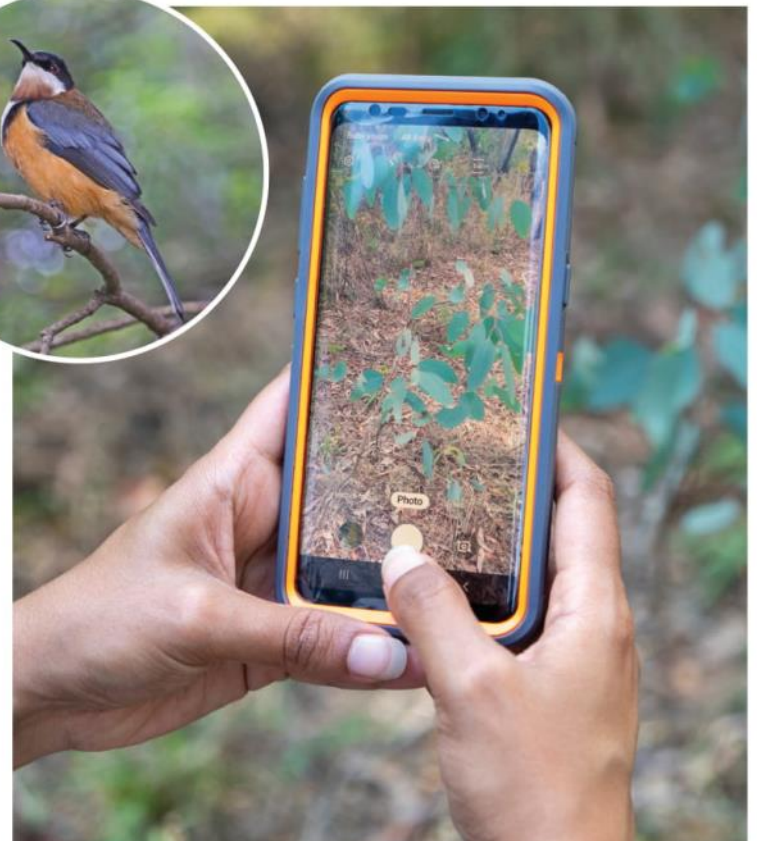
Contribute to science and connect with nature!

### To learn more visit:

[www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/  
city-nature-challenge](http://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/city-nature-challenge)

### To get involved:

1. Download the free iNaturalist app from Apple Store or Google Play
2. Look out for wild plants and animals to photograph from Friday 30 April to Monday 3 May 2021
3. Upload your photographs to the app



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## CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) 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

\*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 (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET 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 DHS 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.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

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 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 \(education.vic.gov.au\)](https://education.vic.gov.au)

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

For concession card holders 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 one (27 January 2021) or term two (19 April 2021).

## 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.

The CSEF 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.

**For ungraded students**, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(education.vic.gov.au\)](https://education.vic.gov.au)

**Year 7 government school students** who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary 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 2021 closes on 25 June, 2021.  
CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

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