STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF 2024 Year 7 CSEF Uniform Package

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Applications for the 2024 Year 7 CSEF uniform package will open from Monday 2nd October 2023 (beginning of Term 4, 2023).

What you need to know.

Who is SSR?

State Schools' Relief is a not-for-profit organisation that works closely with all state government schools in Victoria. Each year, State Schools' Relief provides assistance to thousands of students experiencing financial disadvantage with school uniforms, footwear and a host of other essential educational resources.

Introduction to Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

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, or to apply for assistance, please refer to the Department of Education and Training <u>website</u>.

SSR provides a uniform package each year to all Year 7 families/carers eligible for CSEF funding.

2024 Year 7 Uniform Package for CSEF recipients

Year 7 students for 2024 that are recipients of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualify for the uniform package and/or vouchers.

What's in the package?

The 2024 package contains the following items:

1 x Polo Top <u>or</u> Shirt 1 x Trousers / Pants <u>or</u> Shorts <u>or</u> Summer Dress 1 x Pair of Shoes (Lace Ups <u>or</u> T-Bars <u>or</u> Sneakers)

Please note:

- · PE items are not included as part of this package
- Shoes must be requested in UK sizes. The <u>SSR shoe size conversion chart</u> is available on our website.

Cost to families

Where State Schools' Relief cannot supply uniform items directly, you will receive a voucher that subsidises the cost of the uniform items. The voucher can be redeemed at your child's school uniform shop, or independent uniform retailer, which will be listed on the voucher.

Families/carers receiving vouchers will be required to make a co-contribution payment towards the cost of the uniform items. The amount required to cover the gap will depend on the retail price and the State Schools' Relief subsidy.

The voucher provided by State Schools' Relief lists each approved item, and the maximum purchase value, that State Schools' Relief will cover. Check your school's uniform price list to work out how much extra you may need to contribute towards the uniform item. Please note vouchers do have an expiry date and must be redeemed before the expiry date.



How do I apply for the CSEF Uniform Package?

Applications are made through your child's school. Please refrain from contacting State Schools' Relief directly as staff are unable to accept applications from parents/families or carers. Should you have any questions, or wish to apply for assistance, please speak with your child's 2024 school.

How do I receive the uniform package?

• All items and/or vouchers provided by SSR will be delivered directly to your child's school. The school will then contact you to arrange handover of these items and/or vouchers.

• The voucher will advise whether you collect items from the school uniform shop or a retailer. If it's a retailer, please check with your school to find out the nearest store.

• If a uniform item costs more than the maximum subsidised amount, State Schools' Relief is unable to cover any further cost.

• If a uniform item costs less than the maximum subsidised amount, the difference cannot be redeemed or transferred to an alternate uniform item.

Please note vouchers are not transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash; they cannot be used to purchase extra items and only the uniform item listed can be purchased with the voucher. State Schools' Relief does not make cash payments to schools or families/carers.

Terms and Conditions

- Only Year 7 students for 2024 that qualify for CSEF are automatically entitled to a uniform pack.
- Each student is eligible for one CSEF uniform pack.

• All vouchers have an expiry date, which is listed on the voucher. Vouchers must be redeemed within the time frame specified (90 days from issue date).

- 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 family/carer.

What you need to do.

Your child's school will be in contact with you to order the 2024 uniform package.