



Non-State School Transport Assistance Scheme Information Letter and Forms 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

THRESHOLD SET BY NSSTAS FOR SEMESTER 1, 2021

The Non-State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS) is funded by the State Government and administered by the Queensland Catholic Education Commission on behalf of all non-government schools. Each year, a 'per week' threshold is set to ensure that there are sufficient funds to cover the total of the claims made under this scheme.

The weekly threshold for Semester One, 2021 is \$40.00* per family, or \$30.00* per concession family (holders of current Health Care, Pensioner or Veterans Affairs Pensioner cards). There has been a significant increase in the bus costings for 2021 in which Marist College will continue to apply an additional charge of \$18* per week for each student in the family to enable the continuation of the school bus service. **Prices subject to change.*

To enable the College to register your arrangement, could you please complete the attached SPA (School/Parent Agreement) form only if you have not done so in the past and return it to the school office by the end of January 2021. This is an important step to assist in the allocation of subsidies smoothly to the school.

Attached also is a Bus Fare Assistance application form from the College to complete and it will need to be returned to the school office. The College will enter your application online on your behalf. For further information regarding the Bus Fare Assistance Scheme please visit the link: www.schooltransport.com.au

We understand the financial cost of sending young people to Marist College. We would prefer to know of any issues that may be impacting on our families, so we can be supportive. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office for help regarding this request.

Yours sincerely

Connie Iddles
Business Manager

Agreement Relating to Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS)

The Parties named below agree to the following:

_____ (parent)

AND **Marist College Emerald** (the school).

(In this document, 'parent' means a student's mother, father, legal guardian or other adult with primary parental responsibility for the student).

- That the student(s) of the above parent may travel on the transport provider indicated below to commute to and from the school.
- That the school, as the agent of the parent, will pay for the student(s) travelling on the transport provider subject to the conditions below.
- That the school will be reimbursed by the parent for the cost of providing the transport provider.
- That the school on behalf of the parent may, at its discretion, apply for assistance for which the parent may become entitled under the Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS).
- That the Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC), as the administrator of the NSSTAS is authorised to pay to the school any assistance that the parent may become eligible for under the NSSTAS from time to time.
- That the school or bus company may charge the parent for fares not covered by NSSTAS – particularly for any amount of fare in excess of the School Transport Maximum Cash Fare Schedule (STMCFs) (per Queensland Department of Transport website).
- That the agreement will stay in place from the beginning of Semester 1, 2021 until the student(s) complete(s) the education program at the school, or the school or parent cancel this agreement.
- That the school and the parent consent to the disclosure of personal and sensitive information to QCEC and/or NSSTAS to enable the administration of NSSTAS. This information is collected through a standardised application form. This information may be shared with Government authorities, for example Centrelink (if concession card details are provided). If this information is not disclosed, full or partial payment by NSSTAS may not be possible. To view the QCEC Privacy Policy and Policy Compliance Manual, visit the website: qcec.catholic.edu.au and search for 'privacy'.

_____ Signature of Parent _____ Date

_____ Authorised School Representative _____ Date

Student Name & DOB	School Attended	Transport Provider

(If you, the parent, hold a **Current Concession Card**, please complete over the page).....

Parent current Australian Government issued concession card details:

I, the applicant (Parent/Carer) authorise:

- the Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an Australian Government Services Australia or Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA) enquiry of my Centrelink or DVA customer details and concession card status in order to enable the QCEC to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service.
- the Australian Government Services Australia (the Agency) to provide the results of that enquiry to the QCEC.

I understand that:

- the Agency will use information I have provided to the QCEC to confirm my eligibility for a NSSTAS concessional rebate and will disclose to the QCEC personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while I am a customer of QCEC unless I withdraw it by contacting the QCEC or the Agency.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the Agency and provide it to QCEC so that my eligibility for a NSSTAS concessional rebate 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 NSSTAS concessional rebate provided by QCEC.

Pensioner	CRN	Expiry Date:
Health Care	CRN	Expiry Date:
Veterans	DVA	Expiry Date:

_____ Signature of Parent _____ Date

NSSTAS Bus Fare Assistance - Semester 1, 2021

Only apply if you are paying more than \$40 (\$30 with a Concession card) in bus fares per week per family.

APPLICANT (PARENT/CARER) DETAILS:

Applicant ID Number (if known)	ID Number	ta
Applicant Name	Surname	
	Given & Middle Names	
Student Home Address	Street No. & Street Name	
	Suburb & Postcode	
Applicant Contact Details	Telephone &/or Mobile	
	Email Address	
Applicant Bank Details	BSB & Account No.	BSB 034-210 Acc 124023
	Account Name	Marist College Emerald
Applicant Concession Card Details	Pensioner/ Health Care/ Veterans Card	CRN/ DVA

I, the applicant (Parent/Carer) authorise:

- the Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform a Centrelink/DVA enquiry of my Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs Customer details and concession card status in order to enable the QCEC to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service.
- the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to the QCEC.

I understand that:

- the department will use information I have provided to the QCEC to confirm my eligibility for a NSSTAS concessional rebate and will disclose to the QCEC personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while I am a customer of QCEC unless I withdraw it by contacting the QCEC or the department.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to QCEC so that my eligibility for a NSSTAS concessional rebate 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 NSSTAS concessional rebate provided by QCEC.

Signed and Dated as per the Certification Page at the end of this Application form.

STUDENT DETAILS: (If you are applying for more than three children, please use another application form to add their details.)

	Student 1	Student 2	Student 3
Student ID Number (if known)	S	S	S
Surname			
Given & Middle Names			
Date of Birth			
School Attended & School Suburb	Marist College Emerald		
Year Level			
Is the student a weekly boarder?	YES / NO	YES / NO	YES / NO
Average Weekly Fare	\$	\$	\$
Ticket Type e.g. Daily, Go Card, Weekly, 10 Trip, Monthly, Term, Semester, etc.			
Main Transport Provider			
Did the student commence catching public transport from the first day of school for this current semester?	YES NO - Please enter the DATE when the student commenced catching public transport: _____	YES NO - Please enter the DATE when the student commenced catching public transport: _____	YES NO - Please enter the DATE when the student commenced catching public transport: _____
Average number of trips per week the student catches public transport to and from school? (NB: maximum 10 trips per week – i.e. 5 days x 2 trips/day)			
Number of full weeks the student did not catch public transport this current semester due to illness, exams, camp or excursions (excluding school holidays)?			

I certify that the information provided here is accurate and I agree to my information being confirmed with the appropriate authorities.

Applicant Name:

Signature:

Date: