Financial Assistance – Information for Parents in 2016, Term 1

Please visit our school website for access to these forms and information:
www.stmmtlza.catholic.edu.au > select Parents Lounge > select the appropriate tab from the drop down box.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) – for concession card holders.
The CSEF is a Victorian Government initiative which will assist eligible families with the costs associated with school camps, sports and excursions.

Eligibility:
To be eligible for receipt of the CSEF you must:
- be a Victorian primary or secondary school student up to the age of eighteen; and
- hold a means tested concession card, and/or
- be a temporary foster parent,
- eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of Term 1, 27\textsuperscript{th} January 2016.

Annual Amount:
- $125 per year will be paid for eligible primary school students
- $225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students.

Payments will go directly to the school and be tied to the student expenses relating to camps, sport and excursions. The CSEF payment cannot be used towards other fees or tuition charges.

How to Apply:
Application forms are available from the school office.
The valid Concession Card will be photocopied to accompany your application.

For further information visit http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csefschools.aspx#link22

Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP)
The conveyance allowance assists families with the cost of transporting their children to and from school when they meet the eligibility as outlined below.
An allowance may be payable if students are conveyed to school by private car, private bus or by public transport.
The conveyance allowance is also available to eligible students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

Melbourne’s Urban Growth Boundary (UGB):
From January 2013 a new boundary based on the updated UGB has been used. Although St Thomas More is inside the boundary, the school is currently exempt due to poor access to public transport.

Eligibility:
Applications are subject to the student eligibility. To be eligible to receive a conveyance allowance, a student must:
- live in regional or rural Victoria, or within an exempt area of the UGB
- be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application)
- be a Victorian resident
- live more than 4.8 km (by the shortest practicable route) from the nearest school attended
- attend the nearest appropriate school at which admission is possible
** a student is ineligible for a conveyance allowance if there is a nearer denominational school of the same denomination as the school attended.

How to Apply:
Application forms are available from the school office or school website (refer the instructions at the top of the page).
Please use ‘Bing Maps’ to estimate your distance from school: http://www.bing.com/maps.

Applications Close:
Term 1: Friday 26 February
Term 2: Friday 27 May
Term 3: Friday 19 August
Term 4: Friday 18 November

Please submit NEW applications to the school office by the due date/s.
The applications of existing CAP recipients will be rolled over provided the eligibility criteria are still met.

For further information visit http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/finance/Pages/conveyancefaq.aspx#link70