Financial Assistance – Information for Parents in 2017, Term 1

Please visit our school website for access to these forms and information: www.stmmtlza.catholic.edu.au
Select Parents Lounge > Financial Information > then 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 aged between five and 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, 30th January or first day of Term 2, Tuesday 18th April 2017.

**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. Please present your valid Concession Card which will be photocopied to accompany your application. 

Applications Close Friday 23rd June, 2017.

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.

**Eligibility:**
Applications are subject to the student eligibility. To be eligible to receive a conveyance allowance, a student must:
- live more than 4.8 km (by the shortest practicable route) from the nearest school attended,
- be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria,
- be enrolled at school for three or more days a week,
- attend a school located outside the Metropolitan Conveyance Boundary,
- 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 to the instructions at the top of the page). Please use a public mapping tool to estimate the distance.

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

**Applications Close:**
- **Term 1:** Friday 24th February
- **Term 2:** Friday 26th May
- **Term 3:** Friday 18th August
- **Term 4:** Friday 17th November

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