



## Prep (Foundation) School Essentials Pack

Applications for the Prep (Foundation) School Essentials Pack open in Term 4 of each year.

### What you need to know

#### Who is State Schools' Relief?

State Schools' Relief (SSR) is a not-for-profit organisation that works closely with all Victorian government schools. Each year, SSR provides material support, including school uniforms, to families experiencing financial hardship.

#### Eligibility

A student may receive a School Essentials pack if their family holds a government concession card such as a Health Care Card, is a CSEF recipient or meets approved financial hardship criteria, and the student is starting Prep (Foundation) at a Victorian government school.

#### How eligibility is confirmed

Eligibility is confirmed by the school as part of the application process. Families do not need to apply directly. Schools are responsible for verifying eligibility and submitting applications on behalf of eligible students.

#### School Essentials package

The package contains the following items:

- 2 top items (i.e. polo shirt / shirt / summer dress)
- 1 bottom item (i.e. pants / trackpants / trousers / shorts)
- 1 outerwear item (i.e. puffer jacket)
- 1 pair of shoes

Please note

- Shoes must be requested in CM

#### Cost to families

- Where SSR is unable to supply a uniform item that contains a logo (due to contractual agreements with uniform suppliers) students will receive an \$85.00 voucher in addition to the plain items requested to subsidise the purchase of the items from the preferred school uniform supplier.

# School Essentials Pack - Information for Parents

- Vouchers can be redeemed at the preferred school uniform supplier.

## Please note

- Vouchers have an expiry date and must be used before this date.
- Vouchers are not transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash. SSR does not make cash payments to schools or parents/families.

## Uniform package and/or voucher delivery

- All items and/or vouchers provided by SSR will be delivered directly to your child's school.
- Your child's school will then contact you to arrange collection.

## What you need to do

1. If you are the holder of a government concession card such as a Health Care Card, please speak to your school about applying for a Prep (Foundation) School Essentials Pack.
2. Complete the SSR 'Prep (Foundation) School Essentials Pack Order Form' and return it to your school.
3. Your child's school will submit the application to SSR on your behalf.

## Further information

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your school who will be able to assist you.