

Feedback

The feedback we have received from schools, families and well-being coordinators:

- “ Thanks, SSR, for the valuable work you are doing. **It is such an important program and has assisted the students** who have been issued travel cards to be able to travel to school via public transport. They/their families cannot afford to buy Myki cards themselves”.
- “ **Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to be able to offer this to our students**, our students who have been given these passes travel to school by themselves, so this has given the families/carers assurance that they get to school. Students are also more likely to arrive at school on time. Thank you again”!
- “ The Travel Pass program has taken huge pressure off our families that have to use the bus lines to attend school. Taking away the cost of bus travel has taken some worries away from parents. **The Travel Pass has also provided some relief to safety concerns by parents.** Students are now able to travel by bus instead of walking long distances to school, crossing busy roads and being out and about before and after school on their own”.
- “ We had one student that had very low attendance due to not being able to get to school and living on the other side of town. I gave the student a Travel Pass, showed them where to catch the bus and what time the bus would arrive in the mornings. The student’s attendance has continued to improve, gave the student some independence and because the student is attending more **the student has made some amazing friendships as well as made some huge learning improvements.** The student is also able to catch the bus home safely.”



FAQ's

How do I apply for a pass?

You can apply via SSR's online portal, just as you would for any welfare application. Simply login to the school portal, select a category that fits the student's circumstances and add the item 'Travel Pass'. (Please ensure that this is the only item on the application)

How many can I apply for?

You can apply for an entire year (12 passes) or as little as one month (1 pass).

What if I need more uniform items within an application?

Not a problem. If the student requires more items, simply submit another application.

Are they valid on the School Bus Program?

No. Travel Passes are not valid for travel on buses as part of the School Bus Program.

Are these passes accepted with FlexiRide Trips?

Yes. Travel Passes are valid on FlexiRide services.

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TRAVEL PASSES

GETTING STUDENTS FROM A TO Z



Travel Passes for disadvantaged students

Travel Passes are a 30-day paper pass available for primary and secondary students experiencing disadvantage.

The use of Travel Passes ensure that students can continue to attend school, participate in school activities, and access support services.

Schools can issue a free Travel Pass to students primarily for travel to and from school, but also for other reasons, such as travelling to:

- a medical appointment;
- a counselling session; or
- temporary or crisis accommodation.

Eligibility

Students are eligible if they are experiencing:

- Financial hardship
- Family/relationship breakdowns
- Family violence
- Substance abuse
- Homelessness
- At risk of disengaging from their education due to difficulty in accessing funds to use public transport to get to school.

Obtaining and Issuing

a Travel Pass

Government schools can apply for Travel Passes through the State Schools' Relief online portal.

Schools

Responsibility

The school must ensure:

- Travel Passes are correctly validated by hole punching the pass with the issuing date, month and year.
- All non-issued Travel Passes are kept in a secure location when not in use.



Further Information

Please contact State Schools' Relief

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“ Sienna (Year 11) is in out of home care due to traumatic circumstances. She doesn't have any family to help support her, struggling to pay her own way, money spent on housing, medical, buying her own clothes and food means there isn't enough to cover things like transport or any other luxury for that matter. **The Travel Passes have meant she can attend school and continue with her VCE studies.** She cried when she received her travel pass. (I could cry just thinking about that moment).”

“ I have a student who is in and out of home care and has 100 percent attendance now that he can get the bus to school. **Your work is appreciated greatly.**”

TRAVELLING WITH A TRAVEL PASS

Travel Passes can be used on:

- Bus, train and tram trips within metropolitan Melbourne
- All regional town buses
- V/Line coaches and trains
- PTV inter-town buses

! A Travel Pass should be treated like money; a lost or stolen Travel Pass cannot be replaced.

! Students are required to carry their Travel Pass for the entire journey.