

2021/019

TO Principal/Headmaster/Head of School
ATTENTION Principal/Business Manager
FROM Director (School Improvement & Performance)
SUBJECT Non-State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme
DATE 5 May 2021

FOR DISTRIBUTION TO:	
School	
Principal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>
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BACKGROUND

The Non-State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS) is an initiative funded by the Queensland Government through the Department of Education (DoE). NSSTAS has two programs available to Queensland residents:

Bus Fare Assistance Program (BFAP) (non-state school located outside the Brisbane City Council (BCC) boundary)

The Bus Fare Assistance Program (BFAP) provides financial assistance to families who pay more than a nominated weekly threshold in bus/ferry fares to transport their student to a non-state school located outside the Brisbane City Council (BCC) boundary.

The BFAP weekly family threshold for Semester 1, 2021 is \$40 (\$30 for concession card holders).

Students With Disability (SWD)

The Students With Disability (SWD) program provides financial assistance to families of those students whose disability necessitates transport assistance to and from a non-state school by means that consider their disability. Parents of children attending a school within the Brisbane City Council (BCC) boundary are only eligible for the SWD rebate.

Parents of children attending a school outside the BCC boundary are eligible for the SWD or BFAP rebate.

More information about NSSTAS is available at <https://SchoolTransport.com.au>.

ACTIONS

Applications for Semester 1, 2021 are now open online and close on 31 May 2021. Schools are asked to make parents aware of the Student Travel Rebates by promoting the scheme in school newsletters, websites and social media, as well as in prospectus/enrolment/welcome material as applicable. What you can do:

Schools are encouraged to:

- Check their website is up to date with the current link to <https://SchoolTransport.com.au> (unless the school applies on behalf of all parents);
- Place that link under "Useful Links", "Parents and Community", "Students", and "Parents" tabs to assist new parents considering enrolling at the school;



- Include words like “Transport”, “Travel”, “Rebate”, “Assistance”, “School Transport” and “Travel Rebate” in the school website search facility in a way that points to our School Transport website; and
- Include the comment “Student travel rebate applications are only open in May for Semester 1 and October for Semester 2. Please visit the [School Transport website](#) first to check if you are eligible”.

CONTACT

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Rebecca McKinnon by telephone, 07 3228 1527 or email rmckinnon@isq.qld.edu.au

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