The Affordable School Uniform Program

What is State Schools’ Relief?
The State Schools’ Relief (SSR) was established in 1930 by a group of principals and teachers who identified that there was a need to support families with the cost of school uniforms. This continues today with the SSR providing families with school uniforms and footwear free of charge. For the first time SSR has received government funding so that it can help more families in need, and ensure no one is left behind. It is part of the government's broader commitment as the Education State to break the link between disadvantage and achievement.

SSR’s Year 7 uniform package initiative
As part of the Victorian government’s funding for school uniforms, every Year 7 government school student who is a Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) recipient is eligible for a uniform pack.

Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. CSEF recipients in 2015 can apply for a pack from 1 December 2015 via the secondary school where their child will attend. Parents who missed this year’s CSEF applications or were ineligible in 2015, can apply in 2016. Eligible parents who have already purchased their child's uniforms for 2016 are entitled to a winter package available next year.

What’s included in the uniform pack?
The uniform pack includes all basic uniform items needed to start high school (approx. value $225):

- Jumper x 1
- PE shirt x 1
- PE shorts x 1
- For girls: a dress or shorts or trousers x1 and a shirt x1 (long or short sleeve)
- For boys: shorts or trousers x1 and a shirt x1 (long or short sleeve)

How can school staff make applications?

- Applications made in 2015 for 2016 Year 7 commencement must be made by the secondary school not the primary school, to ensure the correct uniform is supplied.
- Schools are responsible for the collection and maintenance of CSEF records.
- Each application to SSR will be verified by the Department of Education and Training for CSEF eligibility.
- Applications not verified by the Department will be held by SSR and regularly checked for a change in eligibility until the 2016 deadline for CSEF applications. Any applications not verified by this time will expire unfulfilled.

Terms and conditions

- Only CSEF recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
- Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
- A voucher is dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier on approval. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).
- The order is valid for 75 days from date of issue.
- Once expired, a new application must be lodged. Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed.
- Each voucher specifies the individual items funded by SSR.
- No change to the items can be made unless through the school.
- Changes made in store will not be honoured by SSR.
- The maximum voucher value is $225 and any short fall will not be covered by SSR.

Can parents who are ineligible for the Camps Sports and Excursions Fund or, who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?
Yes. Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms, textbooks or shoes are encouraged via the regular State Schools’ Relief services – www.ssr.net.au/schools. State Schools’. Relief only responds to requests from schools (not from parents directly).

More information
Schools: For SSR applications please visit www.ssr.net.au/schools