



St Joseph's College Geelong

## General Bus Information

How does the bus system work in my area?

### COASTAL AREAS

If your son lives in one of the following suburbs, you may be entitled to receive bus travel at no cost. A Conveyance Allowance Application form must be completed and returned to the College. McHarry's Buslines will send you a Coastal Bus Pass at the beginning of each year.

*Examples of Coastal Areas are:*

Barwon Heads	Indented Head	Pt Lonsdale
Clifton Springs	Jan Juc	Queenscliff
Connewarre	Mt Duneed (some areas)	Torquay
Curlewis	Ocean Grove	Wallington
Drysdale	Portarlington	

Bus times and service routes for these areas can be obtained by contacting McHarry's Buslines on 5223 2111, [www.mcharrys.com.au](http://www.mcharrys.com.au) or email [info@mcharrys.com.au](mailto:info@mcharrys.com.au)

### COUNTRY AREAS

If your son lives in one of the following suburbs, you may be entitled to receive bus travel on a Government Contract Bus to and from school at no cost. A PVT Application for Permission to Travel – Eligible Students form must be completed and returned to the College. Bus passes are not issued for this travel.

**Parents receive information about bus routes and times by email, from the regional co-ordinating school after their application for travel is processed.**

*Examples of country areas are:*

Aireys Inlet	Fairhaven	Lovely Banks (some areas)
Anglesea	Freshwater Creek	Meredith
Bannockburn	Fyansford	Modewarre
Barrabool	Gheringhap	Moriac
Batesford	Gnarwarre	Stonehaven
Bellbrae	Inverleigh	Teesdale
Bells Beach	Lethbridge	Winchelsea
Buckley	Little River	Wurdibolic

### OTHER AREAS OUTSIDE 4.8km

If your son lives in one of the following suburbs AND the address is further than 4.8km (shortest practical route Bing Maps) from St Joseph's College, you may be eligible to claim a conveyance refund from the Department of Education. In order to claim a conveyance refund you must:

1. Complete and purchase a Public Transport Student Concession. Forms are available via the College office, train stations and [www.ptv.vic.gov.au](http://www.ptv.vic.gov.au) from around mid January. Cost approximately \$10 and you will need 2 passport sized photos.
2. Purchase a Yearly or Half Yearly MYKI from any train station. Cost of a yearly Geelong Transit System (GTS) pass is approximately \$370
3. Complete a Student Conveyance Allowance Application. Forms can be downloaded from the College Website.

The receipt of the MYKI and the Student Conveyance Allowance Application must be submitted to the College before a claim can be made. Funds received will be reimbursed to you via your school fee account. Please note claims cannot be made for the top up or replacement of a MYKI.

*Examples of areas outside 4.8 kms.*

Armstrong Creek	Leopold	St Albans Park
Bell Park	Lovely Banks *	Wandana Heights *
Bell Post Hill	Moolap	Waurm Ponds
Corio	Mt Duneed	Whittington
Grovedale	Newcomb	(*only some areas)
Lara	Norlane	

**ALL OTHER AREAS WITHIN 4.8km**

If your son will be travelling on the bus to school, you can purchase a yearly or half yearly MYKI and complete and purchase a Public Transport Student Concession, as explained on the previous page. Unfortunately there is no reimbursement available for travellers who reside within 4.8kms.

Alternatively, you may obtain a MYKI card and load money onto this card as needed. If your son is 17 years or over you may also need to complete and purchase a Public Transport Student Concession, in order for him to travel at a concession rate.

***For information on the whereabouts of your nearest bus stop and pick-up/drop-off times, please contact the bus company which services your area:***

***McHarry's***

***[www.mcharrys.com.au](http://www.mcharrys.com.au) or call 5223 2111***

***CDC Victoria (formally Benders Buslines) [www.cdcvictoria.com.au](http://www.cdcvictoria.com.au) or call 5240 5000***

If at any stage during your son's enrolment at the College you have a change of address, the College must be notified immediately. New bus or conveyance forms will then need to be completed in order for your son to travel on the bus or claim conveyancing.

Please direct any further queries about bus conveyance to Holly McIntosh at St Joseph's on 5226 8111.

\*Please note that the information provided is a guide only.

# Form 3: Conveyance Allowance application - Public transport travel

Year		Term		<b>PLEASE ENSURE ALL PAGES ARE COMPLETED AND SIGNED</b>			
<b>APPLICANT DETAILS</b>							
<b>RESIDENTIAL STREET ADDRESS</b>							
Unit #		Street #		Address			
Town/Suburb				State		Postcode	
Exact distance (in km) by the shortest practicable route				From home to school	km	From home to bus stop	km
<b>PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS</b>							
First Name		Surname			Telephone		
First Name		Surname			Telephone		
Email							
<b>TRAVELLER DETAILS</b>							
<b>Student one</b>							
First Name		Surname		Date of birth		Travel start date	
School enrolled				Year level			
VSN				FTE (must be 3 days or more attendance):			
<b>Student claiming (please use X to highlight)</b>							
To/from school	<input type="checkbox"/>			To/From School and off campus	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Single mode (One mode of transport only)	<input type="checkbox"/>			Multi mode* Must be 4.8km or more to Bus Stop	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Student two</b>							
First Name		Surname		Date of birth		Travel start date	
School enrolled				Year level			
VSN				FTE (must be 3 days or more attendance):			
<b>Student claiming (please use X to highlight)</b>							
To/from school	<input type="checkbox"/>			To/From School and off campus	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Single mode (One mode of transport only)	<input type="checkbox"/>			Multi mode* Must be 4.8km or more to Bus Stop	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Student three</b>							
First Name		Surname		Date of birth		Travel start date	
School enrolled				Year level			
VSN				FTE (must be 3 days or more attendance):			
<b>Student claiming (please use X to highlight)</b>							
To/from school	<input type="checkbox"/>			To/From School and off campus	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Single mode (One mode of transport only)	<input type="checkbox"/>			Multi mode* Must be 4.8km or more to Bus Stop	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<p><b>Note:</b> An eligible student may be granted an allowance based on the least expensive public transport fares only. A copy of your ticket/fare purchase should be attached to this form e.g. Victorian Student Pass, Transit Student Pass.</p> <p><b>If there are more than three students claiming from this home residence, please complete another Form 3 and attach together.</b></p> <p>*Multi mode provision does not apply if the journey could have been undertaken using a single mode transport or one leg of the journey is less than 4.8km. If multi mode includes private travel, complete Form 1 (private car) or Form 2 (private bus) to accompany this public travel application.</p>							

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Date Form Submitted		Form Signed - Yes/No – if no, return to Parent/Guardian for signature					
Copy of ticket/fare purchase attached?		Proof of fare/ticket - Yes/No – If no, return to Parent/Guardian for copy to attach					
Parent/Guardian signed?		Date entered/assessed on SCAS			Eligible on SCAS - Y/N?		
Ticket Frequency (circle):	Daily	Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly	Term	Half Yearly	Yearly
Ticket Amount:							
Service Operator (if known)							
Service Route (if known):							
<p>Have any of these students been granted eligibility on the basis of an exemption? If yes, specify exemption from policy e.g. lack of available spaces at nearest school/s, Special Case Panel Approval. Attach proof for this application e.g. Letter(s) confirming refused entry from all nearer schools is required to be submitted with the application. The letter(s) should be dated prior to the commencement date of the student at the school applying for the conveyance allowance.</p>							
Student one							
Student two							
Student three							
<p><b>Note:</b> Students not attending their nearest school/campus may qualify for a conveyance allowance in some circumstances only. Sibling rights do not apply in any of these circumstances. Further information regarding these circumstances can be found in the Conveyance Allowance Program policy available online at: <a href="http://www.education.vic.gov.au/travellingtoschool">www.education.vic.gov.au/travellingtoschool</a> or by contacting your school.</p>							

<u>OFFICE USE ONLY</u>	
School SCAS Coordinator Name (please print):	_____
School Signature – Principal / Delegate signature:	_____
Date	_____

## Eligibility

An application on behalf of a student may be submitted if the student is:

- a Victorian resident;
- school aged and enrolled (3) three or more days per week at a school; and
- attending a school/campus located outside the Melbourne metropolitan conveyance boundary

A student who meets the above requirements may be eligible if they:

- attend their nearest or designated neighbourhood government school/campus appropriate to their year level, at which admission is permissible, or
- attend their nearest appropriate non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level, at which admission is permissible, and
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from the campus attended

**Note:** Eligibility is assessed when the School completes your child's application on the Student Conveyance Allowance System (SCAS). If approved, the allowance payable will be based on the least expensive public transport fares. Generally, where public transport is available an allowance for private travel will not be paid. Students who are privately transported 4.8km or more to meet public transport services may be able to claim a private car conveyance allowance as well (multi mode). No public transport allowance is payable if the journey to and from school could be made using a contract school bus. For further information regarding the Conveyance Allowance Program see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/travellingtoschool](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/travellingtoschool)

### **\*Multi mode conveyance allowances**

Multi mode conveyance allowance applies when a student uses more than one mode of transport (e.g. private car and public transport) for a journey between home and school.

A conveyance allowance may be granted at the appropriate rate for private transport or public transport where the distance travelled is 4.8km or more for each leg of the journey. This provision does not apply if the journey could have been undertaken using a single mode transport or one leg of the journey is less than 4.8km.

Where two modes of private transport are used (private car and private bus), the amount payable is based on the distance from the student's residence to the school/campus at the private bus rate.

Rates are calculated using the shortest practicable route (measured in kilometres) from the student's residence to the school/campus attended.

Multimode is not applicable under the 'next nearest' school allowance or to attend a more distant school.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN TO COMPLETE:**

I certify that:

1. All the above details are true and correct to my knowledge.
2. I will notify the principal/delegate in writing within 7 days of any change of address or school.
3. The school will use personal information I have provided such as my address, child's enrolment details to assess and confirm their eligibility for the Conveyance Allowance Program using the Student Conveyance Allowance System (SCAS).
4. I consent to release this information to Department of Education (DET) representatives to assist with assessing my application on SCAS.
5. I understand the conveyance allowance is for the student/s named on the application form/s and cannot be withheld by the school in lieu of fees or late payments.
6. I understand my signed consent is required with this application form for the school to keep the conveyance allowance as a contribution towards school purchased tickets/fares to and from school only (*if you agree to give consent, please complete/sign consent below*).

Parent/guardian name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR SCHOOL TO WITHHOLD CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE:**

I consent that:

1. The conveyance allowance payable to the student/s named on this application form will be withheld by the school as a contribution towards school purchased tickets/fares to and from school only.
2. I understand there may be additional costs incurred which the school may request that I cover.
3. I understand the conveyance allowance cannot be withheld or contribute towards procured bus services for school excursions.
4. I will notify the principal/delegate in writing if I wish to withdraw my consent to withhold my child's conveyance payments.
5. I understand withdrawal of my consent may not be effective until the next term claim period.

Parent/guardian name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_