



Saint Mary's Catholic College SOUTH BURNETT

Please read and complete the attached application if transport is required on Purser's operated buses for the College from Cherbourg to Kingaroy and stops in between or Blackbutt to Kingaroy and all stops in between.

Bus Fare Assistance Program for 2019 (BFAP)

Dear Parents and Carers,

The College has been advised by the Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS) that the weekly family threshold for Semester 1, 2019 has been set at:

- **Semester One: Standard:** \$20/family per week
- **Semester One: Concession:** \$15/family per week (If Parent/Carer holds a health care card, pensioner card, DVA card)

This weekly family threshold amount is the amount that is added to your Term College account for fees and levies under a School Parent Agreement (SPA) for bus travel. Please note the threshold is not the full amount of your family's weekly bus fares. School Bus operators are required to use the Department of Transport and Main Roads School Transport Maximum Cash Fare Schedule for the calculation of per trip bus fares and these are based on the kilometres travelled. Please see reverse for this year's fare rates.

Example: A family with two primary students using the bus weekly from Murgon would have to pay bus fares of \$150 per week if not part of the College SPA. Under the SPA we pay the Bus Operator \$150, claim \$117 from the NGSTAS and charge the family weekly threshold amount of \$20/\$15 to your account.

On completing and signing the attached Non Government Schools Transport Assistance Scheme Bus Fare Assistance Program you are agreeing that the College:

- pay bus fares on your behalf to the Operator (Purser's Coaches);
- charge the threshold amount only to your family account; and
- lodge a claim twice a year to NGSTAS for reimbursement of any bus fares above the threshold.

Furthermore, the family must provide the College with a copy of their current Centrelink or DVA Card to be eligible for the lower concession rate.

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Please note that QCEC receive Semester funding (half yearly) from the State Government for this program. Should funding not be sufficient due to the additional number of families participating in the scheme the weekly threshold amount might be increased by NSSTAS in Semester 1, 2019.

If you have any queries or concerns or require assistance in understanding how the program works or the above changes then please see a member of the College Office team.

Regards,



Angela Myles
Principal



Kym Schultz
Business Manager

2019 School Transport Maximum Cash Fare Schedule *(Effective 22 January 2018)*

Rate per student per Trip

Kingaroy to:	KMs	Primary	Secondary
Crawford	6	2.70	3.30
Memerambi	12	3.60	4.80
Wooroolin	17	4.40	5.70
Tingoorra	23	5.10	6.80
Wondai	31	5.90	8.10
Murgon	46	7.60	9.90
Cherbourg	53	8.30	11.10
Coolabunia	10	3.40	4.40
Nanango	24	5.10	6.80
Yarraman	45	7.60	9.90
Blackbutt	60	9.00	12.00

Agreement Relating to Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS)

The Parties named below agree to the following:

_____ (parent)

AND _____ (the school).

(In this document, 'parent' means a student's mother, father, legal guardian or other adult with primary parental responsibility for the student).

- That the student(s) of the above parent may travel on the transport provider indicated below to commute to and from the school.
- That the school, as the agent of the parent, will pay for the student(s) travelling on the transport provider subject to the conditions below.
- That the school will be reimbursed by the parent for the cost of providing the transport provider.
- That the school on behalf of the parent may, at its discretion, apply for assistance for which the parent may become entitled under the Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS).
- That the Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC), as the administrator of the NSSTAS is authorised to pay to the school any assistance that the parent may become eligible for under the NSSTAS from time to time.
- That the agreement will stay in place from the beginning of Semester _ 201_ until the student(s) complete(s) the education program at the school.
- That the school and the parent consent to the disclosure of personal and sensitive information to QCEC and/or NSSTAS to enable the administration of NSSTAS. This information is collected through a standardised application form. This information may be shared with Government authorities, for example Centrelink (if concession card details are provided). If this information is not disclosed, full or partial payment by NSSTAS may not be possible. Further information is available at:
<http://www.qcec.catholic.edu.au/catholic-education/privacy-compliance-manual>

_____ Signature of Parent

_____ Date

_____ Authorised School Representative

_____ Date

Student Name	School Attended	Transport Provider

(If you, the parent, hold a **current Centrelink or DVA Card**, please complete over the page)

Parent current Centrelink/ DVA Card details:

I, the applicant (Parent/Carer) authorise:

- the Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform a Centrelink/DVA enquiry of my Centrelink or Department of Veterans’ Affairs Customer details and concession card status in order to enable the QCEC to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service.
- the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to the QCEC.

I understand that:

- the department will use information I have provided to the QCEC to confirm my eligibility for a NSSTAS concessional rebate and will disclose to the QCEC personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while I am a customer of QCEC unless I withdraw it by contacting the QCEC or the department.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to QCEC so that my eligibility for a NSSTAS concessional rebate can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the NSSTAS concessional rebate provided by QCEC

Pensioner	CRN
Health Care Card	CRN
Veterans	DVA

_____ Signature of Parent

_____ Date