

### Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camps** provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

#### How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

#### Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)



# CSEF Application Form

School REF ID

## Parent/legal guardian details

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

-    -    -  **OR**

☐ Foster parent\* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

## Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- the department will use information I have provided to the DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to the DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid unless I withdraw it by contacting the school or the department.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund 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 Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Some personal information may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

## CSEF eligibility

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

### Criteria 1 - Eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term two, or;
  - on the first day of Term three;
1. Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  2. Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  3. Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above

### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

### Eligibility Date

CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term two (13 April 2015) or term three (13 July 2015).

### Payment amounts

#### CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### How to complete the application form

**NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN**

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.  
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your Centrelink card - unless you are claiming as a Foster Parent or Veterans Affairs Pensioner. You will also need to provide your Centrelink card to the school.  
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, tick the appropriate box. In this case, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.  
The CSEF payment is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
  - enter SURNAME AND FIRST NAMES in full.
  - enter the DATE OF BIRTH e.g. 15/09/2008.
  - enter the YEAR LEVEL, unless the student is ungraded, e.g. attending a Special School or language Centre, then enter 'UNGRADED' in the YEAR LEVEL column.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

**Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.**



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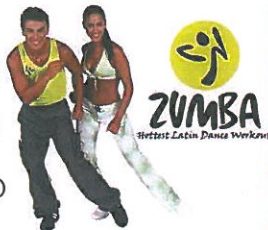


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## Student Exchange Opportunity

### **Are You Interested In Different Cultures?**

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Hosting exchange students gives Australian families the opportunity to share their life and their culture with young international students for a term, semester or year. July is fast approaching and our students can't wait to hear from a welcoming host family they can call their own and learn about the place they will soon call home.

### **Meet Our Students:**

Armelle (17) from Belgium loves sports! She tells us that she dances twice a week, participates in a fitness class on Wednesdays and is beginning gymnastics classes. She also goes to scouts with her friends on Saturday mornings. Armelle is looking forward to discovering Australia, seeing the new landscapes and speaking English with her new host family!

Gianni (17) from Italy has a wide range of interests and hobbies. He tells us that he is interested in sports, especially martial arts and basketball. He also likes to collect fossils, model airplanes, is passionate about history and travel and is very excited about being able to share his culture and learn about Australia.

### **Hosting Is Fun! Request Student Profiles!**

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today on **1300 884 733**, [info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au) or [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au) to receive a full information pack for your family.

# When we want for nothing sometimes our good fortunes are overlooked.

## Why We Should All Appreciate Education.

The wisest person I know is uneducated. When she was school aged, war broke out and with that came extreme poverty. It was more important to educate boys, so while her brothers went off to school; my Mum became a shepherd at the age of 7. Each morning she was quickly hustled out of the house and into the pasture with her sheep, because if the school bell rang and she was around to hear it she would cry and desperately plead her mother to allow her to go to school. So my Mum, stole books from her brothers, copied letters into the sand with sticks and dreamed of attending school, while she sat alone watching her sheep graze, protecting them from coyotes.

At the age of 24 she set off from Greece to Canada in search of better life. As children we heard the stories countless times...just a suitcase...hardly any money...not knowing the language...no idea about the culture, but we never really appreciated it because my parents' hard work made us want for nothing.

Under the care of her horribly, mean, chauvinistic brother she was told she was ugly, stupid and good for nothing, but this only made her more determined to do well. She was engaged to a man she had never met, he in Greece and she in Canada. Before her fiancé arrived in Canada, her brother warned her not to make a fuss, whatever type of man he turned out to be she was not worthy of anyone special and she would not humiliate the family by refusing to marry him. She was petrified. When he arrived he was so handsome, this worried her even more. The first chance they were alone, she took a great risk and said, "Look at me. If you don't like what you see, please leave now, no hard feelings. I will not get any prettier, only older and uglier, but I will be a good and loyal wife to you." My dad said, "You are more beautiful than I ever imagined. I would be proud to be your husband and I too will look after you as best as I am able".

Soon babies were born. Her brother had a girl, cursed the day she was born and was green with envy when my Mum gave birth to a boy soon afterwards. He was sending his daughter off to Greece to be looked after by his parents and manipulated my parents into doing the same. Sending her 6 month old on a plane to Greece remains the biggest

regret in my Mother's life and it wasn't until I had my first baby that I truly understood how devastating that must have been. She and my Dad worked all hours, spent as little as possible and saved the rest. 18 months later, she went to Greece, collected her 2 year old and moved out of her brother's house and soon afterwards 300 km away from his destructive influences. My parents bought a restaurant in their new country town; it flourished and so did they and their three children.

It's funny how things work out. After finishing my degree and backpacking throughout South East Asia and Europe, I ended up in the same Greek village that my brother was sent to as a 6 month old. It is there that I met my gorgeous husband. Our parents from the same small village; his migrating to Australia, mine to Canada and we had come full circle to meet where it all began.

When I migrated to Australia, I was educated, knew the language, had money and was going to be with a man that I had fallen in love with. Despite all that, I was petrified and the homesickness was sometimes unbearable. I gained a true appreciation true of how hard it must have been for my parents and for the countless immigrants everywhere.

The most important things she taught me are; a good education lasts forever, should you decide to marry and have children, your family will be your most important career, be kind to those who surround you and surround yourself with those who are kind to you.

It is because of my Mom that I became a teacher. It is because of my Mom that I stopped teaching to stay home with my children. It is because of my Mother that I am surrounded by kind, supportive, uplifting family and friends.

My mum attended an adult learning centre at the age of 60 and now loves reading, how cool is that?! She and my Dad are in their 80s and visiting us here in Melbourne as I write this. She is hilarious, fun, never stops talking and is freakishly strong. My kids say that if they are ever on the show "Survivor" they would want Yiayia Lola with them because she can make something out of nothing, she can live off the land and she isn't afraid of creepy crawlies. We all laugh as she does chores around our house singing (in her Greek Accent) this song..."Yellow Submarine" by The Beatles.

by Sophia Stefanos