



The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School
Thursday, March 24th, 2022
Newsletter No. 4

Our Vision:

QHPS students are empowered to be engaged learners. Our community fosters a culture of respect and belonging.

2022 TERM DATES

Term 1 January 28 – April 8
Term 2 April 26 – June 24
Term 3 July 11 – September 16
Term 4 October 3 – December 20

Principal: Jo Menzel

School Council President: Claire Flanagan-Smith

PFA President: Renee Selkrig

~OUR VALUES~

Kind

I understand that everyone is different
I co-operate
I respect myself, others and the environment
I am community minded
I belong

Curious

I am a learner
I seek knowledge
I ask questions
I explore and wonder
I create

Brave

I am honest
I am independent
I have high expectations
I am resilient
I am open to feedback

IMPORTANT DATES

	Time	Details
March		
Friday 25 th	3.10pm	Basketball court
Thursday 31 st	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Welcome Picnic
April		
Monday 4 th	9.00am – 12.00pm	School Photo Day
Wednesday 6 th	9.00am – 3.00pm	School Cross Country
Friday 8 th	2.30pm	Last Day of Term 1-Early Finish
Monday 25 th	All Day	Anzac Day Public Holiday – No School
Tuesday 26 th	All Day	First Day of Term 2
Thursday 28 th , 29 th	8.45am- 9.00am 3.35pm – 3.50pm	Book Fair
Thursday 28 th , 29 th	All Day	Grade 3 Camp Kookaburra
May		
Monday 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th	8.45am- 9.00am 3.35pm – 3.50pm	Book Fair
Wednesday 4 th , 5 th	All Day	Grade 4 Camp Swan Hill
Monday 4 th , 9 th & 10 th	All Day	Teeth on Wheels
Monday 23 rd , 24 th , 25 th	All Day	Grade 5/6 Camp Campaspe Downs
Tuesday 31 st	Various	Gym Prep – Grade 4
June		
Tuesday 7 th	Various	Gym Prep – Grade 4
Tuesday 14 th	Various	Gym Prep – Grade 4
Tuesday 21 st	Various	Gym Prep – Grade 4
Wednesday 22 nd	Various	Student Led Conferences- Students attend their interview session with their parents. Students are only required at school for their appointment.

Reminders:

- **CSEF**- Do you hold a concession card?
You may be eligible for CSEF. Please see the office.
- **Curriculum contributions** - can be paid at office.
- **Easter Raffle** – Donations, completed raffle books and money to be dropped off at office.
- **School Photos**- Orders to be completed online no later than 4.30pm Sunday 3rd April.

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CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND APPLICATIONS

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.



If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 54433 537 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page](#).

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Transitioning from Year 6 to Year 7, 2023

BSE would like to inform parents that the process begins in Term 2 when information will be distributed.

Knowledge and Curiosity

Students started the term building their classroom learning environment, getting to know new classmates and teachers, revisiting the school values and developing common understandings on behaviour expectations.

Across the school, the Knowledge and Curiosity focus is now Social Justice. The concept of social justice begins in the first years of school and progresses through to the senior grades, with the students learning developmentally appropriate information, beginning by centring on their own worlds and progressing on to global social justice issues.

Our Foundation students are learning about fairness and friendship in the classroom and at home while the Year 1 and 2 students are celebrating difference through the lens of multicultural Australia. The Social Justice focus in the middle school is 'In someone else's shoes': respecting those who are different to us. Our Year 5 and 6 students have been exploring Children's Rights, the biggest problems facing children around the world and the agencies that support them.

Our last week of Term coincides with Autism Awareness Week which is a week we will celebrate our uniqueness, learn a bit about Autism and the strengths a person with Autism may demonstrate as well as the ways students can make a difference in our school community. This has a powerful link to our Social Justice unit.

Our Inclusion and Diversity policy can be found on our school website.

Our school value of CURIOUS in action

Last week Ferdi was curious with our preps in the investigation room. At first the students were intrigued about Ferdi, however after a few minutes, they settled back into investigating their chosen area. Well done Preps in rooms 8 and 9!



SUPERVISION RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

At Quarry Hill Primary School, the school grounds are supervised by staff from 8.45am before school and until 3.45pm after school.

There may be staff in attendance at the school before and after those times, but those staff may be involved in tasks such as meetings or lesson preparation. This means that these staff members will not be supervising students. A number of parents accompany their children to school and wait to see that they are settled. This practice is fine, and is certainly encouraged, as parents are supervising their own children.

Formal before and after school care is available within the school grounds and is operated by Camp Australia.

Information regarding this program is available from the office, or can be accessed online at

<https://www.campaustralia.com.au/Schools/QuarryHillPrimarySchool/3550/B294>

NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY

A reminder to all parents and carers that the newsletter is made available through Compass. The newsletter is also available on our school website. <http://www.quarryhillps.vic.edu.au/>

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

KIND

Jackson J (Room 6) for being kind, well mannered and saying 'good afternoon' out of his own heart.

Olivia C (Room 9) for completing a beautiful "harmony day" hand and including others in learning activities.



CURIOUS

Ehli R (Room 16) for producing an excellent post assessment in the area of time.

Jaron E (Room 16) for producing an excellent post assessment in the area of time.

Sienna N (Room 14) for working hard to improve her reading.

Lincoln D (Room 8) for being ready for learning and working hard on his activities.

Harry G (Room 9) for independently writing 'the' during writing practice!

Roma R (Room 1) for asking a curious question when collecting data in Maths.

Max D (Room 10) for always wondering and asking questions. You've got a great mind!

Logan C (Room 10) for working hard and pushing your own learning. Well done.

Anabel H (Room 12) for being a curious learner who contributes to class discussions.

Lucie E (Room 6) for always challenging herself in all learning tasks.



BRAVE

Tracey A (Room 13) for sharing your responses with the class.



School Uniform

It is wonderful to see the majority of our students wearing full school uniform. With the change in weather upon us, there are some variations that are beginning to creep in that are not part of our dress code.

The information below is from our Student Dress Code Policy.

Children are expected to wear the following:

- navy/white checked school dress, navy pinafore
- white, maroon or navy short or long-sleeved polo shirt with logo
- navy rugby top with logo
- bomber jacket with logo
- navy shorts, trousers or skorts
- ❖ Shoes are to be flat heeled with enclosed toes. Sneakers are preferable for all physical education activities.
- ❖ Socks & tights must be in school colours.
- ❖ Broad brimmed hats as issued by the school are to be worn for all outside activities from September 1st to April 30th. (In line with our Sun Smart Policy)
- ❖ Children are encouraged to wear clothing with the school logo. All other logos are unacceptable.
- ❖ Stripes on pants, shorts, shirts or windcheaters are not allowed.
- ❖ Shorts and trousers must be plain navy blue - denim clothing is not allowed.

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- ❖ No jewellery to be worn except for ear studs and watches.
- ❖ Students are expected to wear their hair tied back when long enough to do so.
- ❖ Hair bands, ribbons, clips etc. must be in school colours.
- ❖ Sunglasses are acceptable but must comply with minimum ASA standards and be clearly named.
- ❖ In cold weather, skivvies or long sleeve t-shirts in school colours may be worn under uniform.
- ❖ Coats and wind proof jackets are preferred in school colours.

The continued support of our school community in ensuring the wearing of school uniform is greatly appreciated. Part of the purpose of the uniform is that it allows all students to feel equal. It helps reduce competition between students on the basis of clothing.

If your child has outgrown their jumpers and jackets, the PFA has a number of second hand garments for sale for 50 cents. Please contact the office if you are interested. Please note that sizes are limited.

CYBERSAFETY

eSmart Topic: National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Friday the 18th March was National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Grade 3 to 6 students participated in a webinar that looked at how our actions and words can make the online world a better place for everyone.

By the end of the webinar students were able to:

- identify the benefits of participating in group activities – offline and online
- discussed how our actions can make the online world a better place for everyone
- understood how to deal with cyberbullying issues.

Maths: Go Figure!

WORLD OF MATHS - HANDS ON MATHS INCURSION March 31st – April 1st

As part of this term's work, we have invited World of Maths (a travelling, interactive Maths workshop) to visit our school.

World of Maths offers an ideal opportunity for students to see how Maths is applied to everyday life situations and explore Maths in a hands-on environment.

Students are encouraged to communicate their Maths ideas and answers with other students in small teams, working together.


There will be no cost to students for this incursion.

It is a highly engaging session which will show that Maths is everywhere and of course that Maths can be fun!

QUARRY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
MONDAY APRIL 4TH 2022


ONLINE BOOKING

Your school has decided school photos will only be available to order online this year.
Choose your own **FREE** background



The benefits of being online...


- No need for envelopes to be returned to the school office
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags
- Easy order tracking and record keeping
- 18 different backgrounds to choose from - no additional cost



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ALL ORDERS TO BE PLACED BY 4.30PM SUNDAY APRIL 3RD 2022

Access Key **Z86362EN**




INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY

To order your school photos:

- 1 Go to www.leadingimage.com.au
- 2 Click on Order Your School Photos
- 3 Select your State
- 4 Enter your special unique Access Key

Family photographs must be ordered before 4.30 pm the night before photo day.
Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.



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P.F.A News

The Parents and Friends Association value the school's continued support in the growth of the PFA community. Parents and Friends held an annual AGM this past Monday and we say thank you to all members and those whom took on office bearing rolls in past years and welcome new faces and leaders for 2022.

Positions filled as follows:

President: Renee Selkrig

Vice President: Adam Cornell

Treasurer: Belinda Jolley

Secretary: Michelle Kennedy

Community Activity Co-ordinator: Tania Rusbridge

The Parents and Friends look forward to reengaging back on school grounds and working towards holding some of our much-loved events with Thursday morning cuppas up and running, Easter Raffle in full swing and the reopening of our second hand uniform shop we hope to continue support and growth for our school community throughout 2022. Meetings will be held twice a term and we welcome all wishing to attend to join us. Please remember only registered members may vote in meetings. Membership is free. If becoming apart of the Parents and Friends is something that interest you, please request a membership form from the office.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

WE ARE BACK! OPEN **Thursday** 9am-10:30am and **Friday** 3:30pm-3:45pm

PFA are so overjoyed to announce the uniform shop is reopen, just in time for the cooler weather. All items are sorted and stored and available for purchase for 50c.

THURSDAY MORNING CUPPAS

Thursday morning cuppas are a lovely way to meet new friends and families from QHPS. No need to be a member. Join us any Thursday, from 9am till 10-30am, at the multipurpose room for a cuppa and maybe meet a new friend or two. Stay as short or as long as you wish. We wrap up 10:30am.

Our uniform shop is full to the brim!




**Thankfully we are now
able to resume regular
opening times**

Where? **Multipurpose Room**

When? **Thursdays: 9am - 10:30am (during cuppas)**
Fridays: 3:30pm - 3:45pm (after assembly)

How much? **50c per item (bargain)**

For assistance outside opening times please contact the office

 **QUARRY HILL
PRIMARY SCHOOL's**

EASTER RAFFLE



FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH

**10 GRAND EASTER PRIZES
AND MUCH, MUCH MORE TO WIN**

\$2 per TICKET

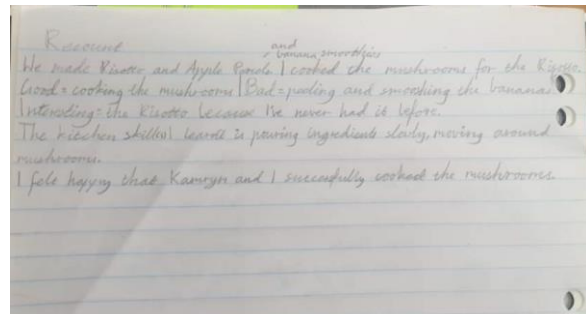
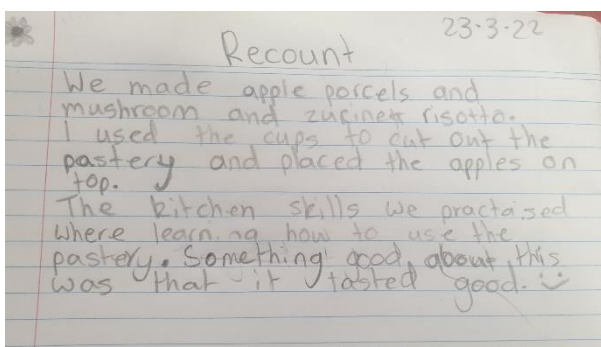
● **WINNERS DRAWN** on Friday the 8th of April ●

● **FUNDRAISING** for Costumes and Props for the school production of The Wizards of Oz ●

● **DONATIONS** of Easter theme needed and can be dropped off at the Office ●

Kitchen Garden

In the Kitchen Garden program the last three weeks the Grade 6 students have prepared and cooked a two-course meal each week. spaghetti bolognaise and banana muffins, spaghetti carbonara and apple slice. The Grade 6 students also used herbs from our school garden for the Carbonara. Yesterday they cooked mushroom / zucchini risottos and mini apple pies. In the garden they used the pedal bike to make banana smoothies.



Helping hands at Quarry Hill....

Our helping hands are finished! They have now been combined to create giant heart on display near the school office. *Come and have a look!!* Help us raise money for those in need - for a gold coin donation you can enter our 'guess how many hands' competition for a chance to win a jar of lollies. All donations collected will be given to the Red Cross to support those in need.



Presentation of Leadership Badges

Last Friday at assembly our Local MP, Jacinta Allan presented our 2022 school leaders with their leadership badges.



The Radio

Calean and I were lucky enough to get the advantage to represent our school on Phoenix FM.

The people that welcomed us to the studio, John and Janelle were lovely, we sat in the waiting room while John interviewed another lady. When we were on air with both of them it was like having a normal conversation, we laughed and talked, they asked us questions like, "what do you like about this school?" "What would you like to change about your school?" The whole thing went for an hour including music breaks and ads.

When a song was playing we all took our headphones off and relaxed, they told us how well we were doing and how clear we were talking, when we were on air sometimes John signalled us to move in closer to the mic, Calean and I shared a microphone. Before the radio, John came to our school to talk to us about what he was going to ask us.

They were all so nice, and I loved how even though heaps of people were listening to us, it felt like a normal conversation, I was grateful to talk about our school and myself on the radio.

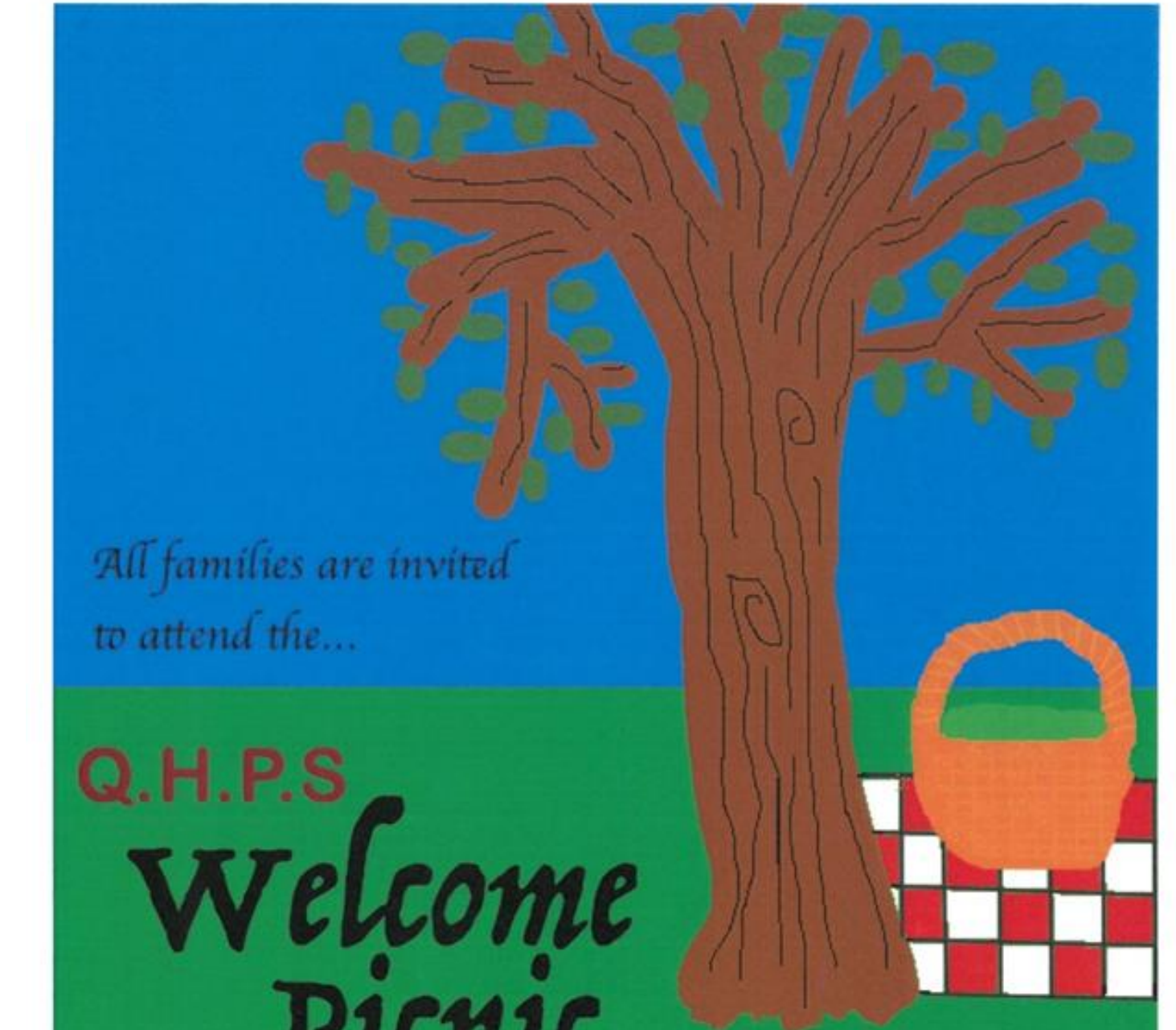
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Grade 5 / Prep News

Grade 5 students took their prep buddies to do some Bushland Dreaming. They read a number of books by Aboriginal authors and the students investigated Welcome to Country.





*All families are invited
to attend the...*

Q.H.P.S

Welcome Picnic

Thursday 31st March

5pm-7pm

In the Bushland

BYO Dinner

A lovely Covid-safe opportunity to connect as a community



Dear Quarry Hill Primary School,

Congratulations on kicking off another school year! I'm sure it's a very busy time, but I wanted to personally invite you to a new competition we are launching as part of Saver Plus' annual Back To School campaign. By participating in the **Schools 4 Saver Plus competition**, your school could **win a \$2000 gift voucher for school supplies.**

Saver Plus is a free financial education and matched savings program offered to lower-income families to help them budget and save for education costs. In the 10-month program, participants gain financial knowledge, learn healthy savings habits by saving \$50 a month, and have their savings matched up to \$500 to be used towards school costs such as uniforms, books, laptops, and sports fees.

It's a wonderful community program that has helped over 50K Australians save \$26 million since 2003, on top of that ANZ has also provided \$21 million in matching for spending on education costs. I'm actively enrolling new parents into the program and would appreciate your help in sharing Saver Plus with your parent community by participating in the competition.

Entering is easy, simply help us share the Saver Plus program with your parent community by completing the activities below. Each activity your school completes will earn points. Once your school reaches 300 points, your school will go in the draw to win one of three gift vouchers worth \$2000!

How does my school earn points? I will provide all the necessary materials

- Post Saver Plus to your school's Facebook page = 20 points each post
- Include Saver Plus in your school newsletter to parents = 20 points each share
- Co-host a Zoom info session and I'll present the program to parents = 50 points each session
- Submit a testimonial quote about how Saver Plus has helped your school community = 50 points
- A parent from your school joins Saver Plus = 100 points per parent

The competition starts 1 Feb and ends 30 April. Once your school earns 300 points, your school will go in the draw!

Ready to win?

In this [dropbox folder](#) you'll find a factsheet, printable posters and flyers. Please let me know if you're interested in participating and help parents in your school improve their financial wellbeing. I have all of the materials you'll need and can share with you. If you have any questions about Saver Plus and/or the Schools 4 Saver Plus competition, please don't hesitate to contact me at **0407 817 758** or email me at EnquiriesSP@bsl.org.au I hope your school decides to participate as I wouldn't want any eligible families to miss out on this great free program.

Kind Regards,

Lynn Jacob (She/Her)

Saver Plus – Community Engagement Specialist | Brotherhood of St Laurence

M: 0407 817 758 | **E:** EnquiriesSP@bsl.org.au

Hours: Mon – Thurs, 9am – 5pm

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

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 is 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. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is 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 is:

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

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

QUARRY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Name

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 (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS 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.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

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 ____/____/____

