



## MEMO No: 2024/051

**TO:** Diocesan Directors, Principals of RI/MPJP Schools, EREA College Ltd, EREA Flexible Schools Ltd, Other Authorised Addressees

**FROM:** Jack Zimmer – Acting Chief Financial Officer

**TOPIC:** Reminder Apply School Transport NSSTAS Outside BCC

**DATE:** 30 September 2024

Dear Colleagues

The Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS) assists eligible families with the cost of traveling to school, with applications for Semester 2 2024 **now open online and closing on 31 October**.

To ensure your school communities receive this support, forward the attached information to your schools/relevant staff to promote this Scheme. We suggest school newsletters, websites, and social media, as well as prospectus/ enrolment/ welcome material.

The Bus Fare Assistance Program (BFAP) **weekly family threshold** for Semester 2 2024 is **\$25 (\$15 for concession card holders)**.

Schools should:

- Check their website is up to date with the current link to [SchoolTransport.com.au](https://SchoolTransport.com.au) (unless the school applies on behalf of all parents);
- Place that link under “Useful Links”, “Parents and Community”, “Students”, and “Parents” tabs to assist new parents considering enrolling at the school;
- Include words like “Transport”, “Travel”, “Rebate”, “Assistance”, “School Transport” and “Travel Rebate” in the school website search facility in a way that points to our School Transport website; and
- Include the comment, “Student travel rebate applications are only open in May for Semester 1 and October for Semester 2. Please visit [SchoolTransport.com.au](https://SchoolTransport.com.au) first to check if you are eligible”.

Parents whose child attends a school **outside** the Brisbane City Council (BCC) boundary are eligible to apply for **Students With Disability (SWD)** or **Bus Fare Assistance Program (BFAP)** rebate. Please see the suggested school newsletter insert “20240930 Att1 Flyer Advertisement Transport Outside BCC NSSTAS” attached. This is also available from our website [SchoolTransport.com.au](https://SchoolTransport.com.au) under the “Schools” tab.

Schools are encouraged to promote the SWD element of the Scheme via their learning support networks.

A helpful link for parents to prepare their child for travelling on public transport is [Public Transport Guide for Parents](#).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Jack Zimmer**  
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