



## MEMO No: 2024/055

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

**FROM:** Malcolm McDougall – Acting Chief Financial Officer

**TOPIC:** School Transport Bus Fare Threshold Increase for Semester 1 2025

**DATE:** 17 October 2024

Dear Colleagues

The Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS), funded by the State Government and administered by QCEC, provides financial assistance to families transporting children to non-state schools in Queensland.

The Scheme's Bus Fare Assistance Program (BFAP) provides a rebate above a threshold amount to eligible families whose student attends a non-state school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary. Setting a threshold, to be self-funded, is necessary to ensure the funding provided by the State Government is adequate to meet demand.

The threshold is reviewed by the NSSTAS Reference Committee every semester and adjusted based on available cash reserves and anticipated demand. It is set before the start of the upcoming semester to ensure schools and families can appropriately plan their travel arrangements.

The weekly family threshold for Semester 2 2024 was set by the Committee in March 2024 at \$25 (\$15 for a concession card holder). Applications for Semester 2 travel can be made in October at [SchoolTransport.com.au](https://www.schooltransport.com.au).

In the interests of grant management and the constraints it must work with, the Reference Committee has reviewed the Scheme for Semester 1 2025 and advise that the weekly family threshold will increase to \$35 (\$25 for a concession card holder).

Applications can be made online on the website for Semester 1 travel in May and further information about the Scheme is available at [SchoolTransport.com.au](https://www.schooltransport.com.au).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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