



School Focused Youth Service

Connecting Brimbank schools, students and support services



Tips for managing school expenses

The School Focused Youth Service is delivered by Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand in conjunction with Djerriwarrh Community & Education Services and promotes partnerships between schools and specialist community organisations.

This Tips Sheet has been developed as a resource for families to manage school expenses such as textbooks, computers, uniforms and extracurricular activities. It is important to speak with the school first about your child's educational needs.

Youth services

The [Edmund Rice Community and Refugee Services](#) in St Albans provides free tuition, homework support and mentoring to students from disadvantaged or refugee backgrounds. 9366 6436

[Good Shepherd's ENGAGE!](#) program supports young people to engage in learning, explore their career options and connect with the community. 8312 8800

[Brimbank Youth Services](#) offers a range of programs for young people in the area, including a learner to provisional driver program, school holiday programs and activity bags. 9249 4110



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Secondary school scholarships and grants

The [Les Twentyman Foundation's](#) Back to School Program provides educational resources, textbooks and stationery for young people in financial difficulty. Students must be referred by their School Welfare Coordinator and already receive the independent living allowance. 9689 4800

The [Smith Family's](#) Learning for Life Program provides disadvantaged students with financial assistance for education expenses, support from a dedicated Learning for Life Coordinator and access to further education opportunities. 1800 024 069

[Carers Victoria](#) offers a Young Carers Scholarship to secondary school students who provide care and support to a family member with an illness or disability. Scholarships of up to \$500 are awarded to successful applicants. Students who receive a Young Carer Bursary will not be eligible. 1800 242 636

The [St Vincent de Paul Society](#) can assist with payments for school-related expenses. For example school uniforms, books and stationery. 1800 305 330

[State Schools Relief](#) provides

clothing for families experiencing serious financial difficulty, including branded uniform items. Students must be referred to the program by their School Welfare Coordinator.

[Western Chances Scholarships](#) are offered to students from low-income backgrounds who are studying at a state secondary college or tertiary institute who have demonstrated unique talent and drive. 8345 7812

Textbooks

If your school does not already host a second-hand book sale or swap, it may be worth organising an event so that students and their families can purchase textbooks at reduced prices and receive a reimbursement for books that are no longer needed.

Second-hand text books at affordable prices and in excellent condition are available at the [Academic and General Bookshop](#). 9375 7570.

Students may also borrow novels needed for their English class from their local libraries.

Computers

[Computer Bank Victoria](#) offers low-cost refurbished computers

for students of families who hold a current concession card. 9600 9161

[Green PC](#) offers refurbished desktop and laptop packages starting from \$150 to families with a current healthcare card. 9418 7452

[Youth Junction Inc](#) at the Visy Care Hub in Sunshine offers free computer and internet access to young people. 9091 8223

Transport

[Public Transport Victoria](#) offers student travel concession cards. Application forms are available from ptv.vic.gov.au. Students with a travel concession card may be eligible to purchase a yearly or half-yearly student pass for their Myki.

Extracurricular

The [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#) provides students experiencing financial difficulty with payments to participate in extracurricular activities sports activities. Contact your child's school for more information.

Tertiary scholarships

Victoria University offers access scholarships program to full-time undergraduates for up to four years. Full details regarding university scholarships available in Victoria can be found online.

University of Melbourne futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au

Monash University study.monash/fees-scholarships

Latrobe University latrobe.edu.au/scholarships

RMIT rmit.edu.au/study-with-us

Victoria University vu.edu.au/study-with-us/fees-scholarships

Deakin University deakin.edu.au/courses/scholarships

