



*We learn. We show respect.
We are safe.*

Thursday 6th February 2025 Week 2

"Golden Past, Bright Futures"

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Clunes Primary School Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see Term 1 Calendar draft #2- each fortnightly Newsletter will have new events added so please check regularly. Thank you! 😊

Students with Asthma. Please bring your clearly labelled, up to date 2025 Asthma Management Plans to school asap.

Our 2025 Prep/ Foundation P students have a Rest/ Assessment Day- each Wednesday for the first 6-7 Weeks (TBC) of Term 1, 2025. Year 1P students will learn with Mrs Purdie (formerly Miss Dargaville) until Recess and then 1P will be taught by Ms Jardine or Jane for the remainder of the day. Mrs Purdie will confirm the exact end date at the end of Feb. An Assessment schedule has already been forwarded to parents.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Please find information about our upcoming bulb drive in this newsletter as well as a copy of the CSEF application form on the back of this newsletter. CSEF is financial assistance for any families who currently have a Healthcare Card.

WHAT HAS GONE HOME?

The following notes have gone home –

30/01/2024 - School Nursing Program Questionnaires – **PREPS ONLY. DUE FRIDAY 14th FEB**

DOCUMENTS ON SENTRAL

In the resources section in Sentral you can find and download copies of forms like CSEF Applications and Bus forms.

Your child report can be found by tapping their name in the app and looking under Academic Reports. Reports are published at the end of Term 2 and Term 4.

Starting this Year Parents will be able to provide permission to attend activities through Sentral if they would prefer.



***In 2025 we have a student who has a severe allergy to NUTS!**
We will need to be a **NO NUTS school**, as our students mix with and play with each other across the school day. Our junior school Buddies will meet for learning activities with our senior school Buddies. Thank you sincerely for considering the safety of our students as you choose what food is placed in your child's daily snack and lunch box.

There is a Department of Education policy (included in the Newsletter) linked to **CODE RED** days which directly impacts our school. Please read.

Best wishes to you all for a positive fortnight ahead!

Kind regards, Sonia & the staff of CPS. 😊

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 1

Our School Values Awards focus on:

We Learn

We Show Respect

We are Safe

Our Term 1 You Can Do It focus is:

Getting Along

Prep /1P- Noa	2 /3AK – (Lachie accepting it on behalf of) the whole class
3 /4MJ – Akir McDougall	5/6B – Tex
	Principal's Award – Jake, Aoife, Charlie R, Pip
Performing Arts Award- Visual Arts- Junior's Award -	Physical Education Award- LOTE- Japanese Award-

Introducing our 2025 School Captains & Vice-Captains



Jacus
Henderson



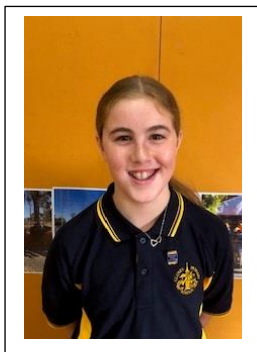
Isla
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School Captains Jacus and Isla

Appreciation Strategy Humility
Commitment Responsibility Listening
Integrity
Leadership
Honest Communication
Values Purpose Determination
Passion Principles

Vice-Captains Elsie and Alex

L E A D E R S H I P



Elsie Clark



Alex Taylor



Prep P 2025



Year 1 P 2025





Prep / 1 P 2025

TIME LINE FOR 2025 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council.
The new school year brings with it the school council election process.

Please find below the timeline for the Clunes School Council Elections 2025.

Notice of election and call for nominations	Thursday 6 th February 2025
Closing date for nominations	Thursday 13 th February 2025
The date by which the list of candidates, nominator and seconder will be displayed	Tuesday 18 th February 2025
The date by which the ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	Wednesday 19 th February 2025
Close of ballot	Thursday 27 th February 2025
Vote count	Friday 28 th February 2025
Declaration of ballot	Tuesday 4 th March 2025
Tentative first School Council meeting	Wednesday 12 th March 2025
Tentative School Council meeting to elect office bearers	Wednesday 12 th March 2025

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Clunes Primary School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school **from Thursday 6th February 2025 and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Thursday 13th February 2025.**

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Thursday 27th February 2025.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2027	5
DET member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2027	1

OUR SINCERE THANKS...

Our School Council directly influences the quality of education that our school provides our students.

We sincerely thank our existing School Council committee: President – Jo Henderson-Drife, Vice-President- Deb Bright, Secretary – Jesse Parker, Treasurer – Andy Campbell, Ellen Moroney, Jaqui Featherston, Rob Anderson, Jesse Clowes, Ash Burke, Val McNeight, Gill Jedwab and Malcolm Hull.

We also take this opportunity to thank our outgoing parent committee members Ellen, Deb, Andy, Rob and Jaqui & our Department of Education member, Ash B.

We also thank our co-opted community members Malcolm and Gill. All School Council representatives have made a significant contribution to the success of the Council and the greater school community. Thank you sincerely for your time, interest and commitment to our wonderful school.



Newsletter article: Schools on the Bushfire At-Risk Register and Schools at Risk of Grassfire (Category 4)

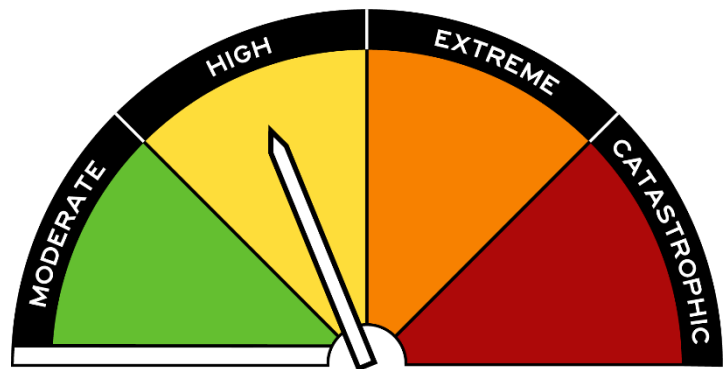
Clunes Primary School is a rated as a School at Risk of Grassfire (Category 4) school by the Department of Education.

School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and **those at risk of grassfire (Category 4) will be closed when a Code Red fire**

danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire or grassfire risk.



Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days' notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and SMS message/phone tree. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00pm on the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- All bus routes that travel through the Code Red area will be cancelled.
- Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our annual Emergency Management Plan, prioritising any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire.

What can parents do?

Clunes Primary School will be closed on Code Red Days.

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your current mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our fortnightly newsletters, by checking our website- www.clunesps.vic.edu.au and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Your privacy

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website

<https://www.clunesps.vic.edu.au/school-profile/privacy-policy/>. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#).



A mobile phone is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. For the purpose of the Clunes Primary School policy, “mobile phone” refers to mobile phones and any device that may connect to or have similar functionality to a mobile phone such as smart watches.

Personal student mobile phone use

In accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones Policy](#) issued by the Minister for Education, personal student mobile phones, including Smart Watches must not be used at Clunes Primary School during school hours, including school bus travel, lunchtime and recess, unless an exception has been granted.

POLICY Clunes Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school or wear a smart watch, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school.

At Clunes Primary School:

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours at the Office.
- Smart watches worn must have network functionality disabled during school hours
- School Bus travel is considered ‘school hours’ – network functionality turned off.
- Exceptions to this policy may be applied if certain conditions are met (see the full CPS Policy)
- When emergencies occur, parents or guardians should reach their child by calling the school’s office.

Links to information for parents on DET website:

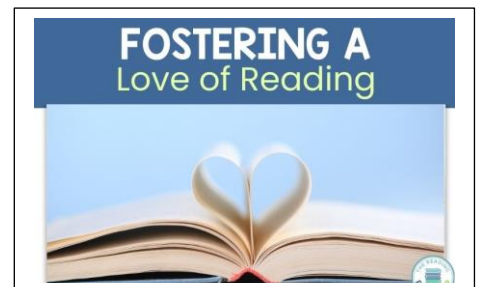
- [Mobile Phones in Schools](#)
- [FAQs for Parents - Mobile Phones in Schools](#)

LIBRARY 2025

Welcome to borrowing books from the School Library in 2025. All students are required to bring their reader bag or some type of bag to be able to borrow and take books home.

The Timetable for 2025 will be:

2 /3AK	Monday
3 /4MJ	Tuesday
Prep/ 1	Wednesday
5/6B	Thursday



Jan and Liz will be running Library sessions on these days.

Happy Reading,

Jan & Liz

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

Welcome to the art room. For 2025.

All students have worked on their front covers for their Art diaries—making it unique to them.

This term the junior students will be learning some colour theory highlighting the primary and secondary colours with many activities that help to define their fine motor skills.

The middle school will be learning about reflections through drawing and painting activities where they will need to acutely look and add details.

The senior school will be refining their drawing skills with 1 and 2 point perspective drawings—looking at horizons and adding all minute details to complete a picture accurately.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

- TERM 1 -

Orders must be placed online by 9am Tuesday
prior to the delivery date.

NO late orders will be accepted.

Orders cannot be refunded in the event of
student absences.



Available every week a range of salad rolls or wraps with your choice of fillings.

Vegetarian and Gluten Free option available every week.

Choice of side dish of Water, Milk, Juice, Jelly, Fruit Cup or Cookie

\$6 MEAL DEAL

6TH FEB -

HAMBURGER W CHOICE OF LETTUCE, CHEESE AND TOMATO

13TH FEB -

CHICKEN TENDER WRAPS W CHOICE OF LETTUCE, CHEESE AND
TOMATO

20TH FEB -

PIE, SAUSAGE ROLL OR PASTIE

27TH FEB -

LASAGNE WITH SALAD

6TH MARCH -

HOT DOGS W OPTIONAL CHEESE

13TH MARCH -

FRIED RICE

20TH MARCH -

NUGGETS & CHIPS OR SALAD

27TH MARCH -

PIZZA CHOICE OF CHEESE & HAM, CHEESE OR PEPPERONI

3RD APRIL -

FISH BITES & CHIPS OR SALAD

To Order Scan QR Code or visit

<https://clunes-top-shop.square.site/>

**Online orders
ONLY**





This year Clunes Primary School have teamed up with Tesselaar to fundraise with a Bulb Drive!

- The School will receive 40% of all bulb fundraising money
- Growing instructions provided with your order
- Orders will be received early May, just in time for Mother's Day!
- Online Ordering is Easy

Order your bulbs using the unique code
<http://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/CLUNESPS>

Pay safely online

Bulbs are delivered directly to your door

* Get together with a group of friends or family to place an order to save on postage

Orders close 11 APRIL 2025

**Please note products are available to order until 11 April, unless sold out prior.
We encourage you to order as early as possible to avoid disappointment.**

If you require any further information, or need some assistance with online ordering, please contact the School Office on 5345 3182.

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 while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a 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:

- \$154 for primary school students
- \$256 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year 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 this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are 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 mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, 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 one; or
 - on the first day of Term two.
- a) 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
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent; and
 - c) ~~Submit an application~~ Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/eligibility)

Mature minors or 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 seventeen 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 eighteen years inclusive.

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

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink (see [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Policy | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/policy)).

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.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. Please refer to the policy for the current rates.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/payment-amounts)

Foundation and Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

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 concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
 If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, 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.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

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

Term 1 Calendar – Draft #2 Thursday 6th February 2025

WEEK 1	Mon	26-Jan	Australia Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY	
	Tue	27-Jan	Staff Professional Learning Day Statewide Student Free Day Clunes PS	
	Wed	28-Jan	Staff Professional Learning Day Student Free Day Clunes PS Day 2	
	Thurs	29-Jan	Students first day of Term 1 2025 short whole school Assembly in the Multi-Purpose Hall Prep/ 1 & new parents to Clunes PS- welcome gathering, information & morning tea in the Staff Room Department of Education (DE) Attendance data collection Mini Newsletter home to families. (Hard copy & electronically)	
	Fri	30-Jan		
WEEK 2	Mon	3-Feb	Assembly- School Captains Welcome- Induction of School Captains & Vice-Captains (badges presented)	
	Tue	4-Feb	Every Tuesday is Walk to school Tuesday. Meet Mr. James & Shell at the Queen’s Park playground at 8.30am	
	Wed	5-Feb	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day	
	Thu	6-Feb	First FULL Newsletter home. (Newsletters home each fortnight, sent via email & placed on the school’s website) Notice of School Council election	
	Fri	7-Feb		
WEEK 3	Mon	10-Feb	Assembly- Induction of House Captains & House Vice-Captains (badges presented)	
	Tues	11-Feb	Student Support Group meetings begin today	
	Wed	12-Feb	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day School Council Meeting 7pm (School Finance Meeting 6.30pm)	
	Thu	13-Feb	Closing Date for School Council elections	
	Fri	14-Feb		
WEEK 4	Mon	17-Feb	Assembly- Induction of Junior School Council (JSC) representatives (badges presented) 2025 Clunes PS Welcome BBQ, Open Classrooms evening & Parent Education evening	
	Tues	18-Feb		
	Wed	19-Feb	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm	
	Thu	20-Feb		
	Fri	21-Feb		
WEEK 5	Mon	24-Feb		
	Tue	25-Feb		
	Wed	26-Feb	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day	
	Thurs	27-Feb	School Council elections - Close of Ballot	
	Fri	28-Feb		
WEEK 6	Mon	3-Mar		
	Tue	4-Mar	Emergency Management- fire drill School Council elections- Declaration of School Council Ballot	
	Wed	5-Mar	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day	
	Thu	6-Mar		
	Fri	7-Mar		
WEEK 7	SUN	9-Mar	13 th Vintage Truck Show - 1 st Clunes school FUNDRAISER for 2025- many helpers required PLEASE see Sonia	
	Mon	10-Mar	Labour Day – Public Holiday	
	Tues	11-Mar		
	Wed	12-Mar	NAPLAN TBC final Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day School Council Meeting AGM	
	Thu	13-Mar	NAPLAN	
	Fri	14-Mar	NAPLAN	
WEEK 8	Mon	17-Mar		
	Tues	18-Mar		
	Wed	19-Mar	Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm	
	Thurs	20-Mar	Koorie students- Cultural Gathering Yrs 1-6	
	Fri	21-Mar	Harmony Day Focus Day-mixed groupings across the school & optional dress up theme day. + Food Bank – Food Fight	
	Sat	22-Mar	BOOK TOWN – 2 nd Clunes school FUNDRAISER for 2025- many helpers required PLEASE see Sonia	
	Sun	23-Mar	BOOK TOWN – 2 nd Clunes school FUNDRAISER for 2025- many helpers required PLEASE see Sonia	
WEEK 9	Mon	24-Mar	CONFIRMED Clunes PS – Senior school Swimming Sports Yrs 3-6 - Clunes Pool – approx. 11.30am start	
	Tue	25-Mar		
	Wed	26-Mar		
	Thu	27-Mar	Term 1 DISCO – theme decided by our Junior School Council	
	Fri	28-Mar		
WEEK 10	Mon	31-Mar		
	Tue	1-Apr		
	Wed	2-Apr		
	Thu	3-Apr		
	Fri	4-Apr	Last day of Term 1 2.30pm finish (casual dress day- no gold coin donation. Each last day of Term is casual dress)	

**** To be confirmed: Inter- school Swimming events Other Meetings & events – TERM 2 STARTS TUESDAY 22nd APRIL, FRIDAY 25th APRIL is ANZAC Day Public Holiday. School Captains commitment + students optional commitment at the Ceremony wearing school uniform.**

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

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 (Gold [Card](#))**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

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

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE 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 DFFH and provide it to my child's school 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 DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can 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 ____ / ____ / ____