

What can I do if I need help with school costs?

If you are struggling financially to provide for your child's education, we suggest you make an appointment with the school principal or welfare coordinator to discuss your situation and see if you are eligible for KidsAssist.

Families facing hardship may also be eligible for assistance through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund to attend school trips and other school organised activities, and assistance with uniforms and footwear through State Schools' Relief. Please contact your school for more information.



Eligible Referral Schools

Primary Schools

Apollo Parkways	Our Lady's Help of Christians (Eltham)
Arthurs Creek	Panton Hill
Christmas Hills	Research
Diamond Creek	Rosanna
Diamond Creek East	Rosanna Golf Links
Doreen	Sacred Heart Catholic School (Diamond Creek)
Eltham	Streeton
Eltham East	St. Andrews
Eltham North	Strathewen
Hurstbridge	Wattle Glen
Hurstbridge Learning CoOp	Yarrambat
Kangaroo Ground	
Macleod College	

Secondary Schools

Diamond Valley College
Eltham High School
Macleod College
St Helena Secondary College

NOTE: Applications from Eltham High School, St Helena Secondary College and Diamond Valley College will be referred to CAVE in the first instance. To contact CAVE directly:

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Diamond Valley Community Support (DVCS) is committed to helping children at risk reach their full potential, and provides financial assistance to families who are experiencing financial difficulties and are unable to meet the full cost of school.

Through KidsAssist we support eligible families with school related expenses including:

- **Stationery and Text Books**
- **Electronic Devices**
- **Excursions and Camps**
- **School Sports**
- **Other essential school items**

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to receive KidsAssist a child or young person must:

- Be enrolled in an Eligible Referral School or live in Nillumbik Shire.
- Hold a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Be experiencing financial hardship and not able to meet the full cost of school
- Not have received DVCS Back to School Funding this financial year.

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Please refer to the back for a list of Eligible Referral Schools.

Assistance Rates

Assistance Rates are:

- Up to \$200 per Child
- Up to \$500 per Family

Applications for assistance above the Assistance Rates can be made however there must be extenuating circumstances.

All KidsAssist payments are paid directly to the School.

How to apply

Applications can be made online any time during the year by visiting:

www.dvsupport.org.au/services/kidsassist

Eligible Referral Schools are required to endorse all applications.

Other Financial Support

DVCS is collaborating with Community and Volunteers of Eltham (CAVE) and Nillumbik / Diamond Valley Lions Club (Lions) to support families who are unable to meet the full cost of school.

DVCS may refer KidsAssist applications to CAVE and Lions if additional funding is required.

