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Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS)

PER SEMESTER

The Non-State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS) provides financial assistance to eligible applicants paying more than a certain weekly threshold in bus fares to enable their children to travel to non-state schools located outside the Brisbane City Council boundary.

The college will pay the families' bus transport costs up-front, so they do not have to outlay money before receiving the benefit of the Qld Government funded Bus Transport assistance scheme. This means the maximum any family pays for bus transport to and from MSB is $8.00 per day irrespective of the number of children enrolled. Also included in the maximum daily family payment is siblings' bus transport to Tableland Catholic Primary schools. The threshold payment of $40.00 per family per week will be included in the Statement of Account for fees from the College.

During Semester 1, 2027, the standard weekly threshold is **$40 per family per week**. For applicants who have an approved Commonwealth concession card (Health Care Card, Pension Concession Card (PCC) or Veterans Affairs PCC) the threshold is **$30 per family per week**. This concession card must be in the name of the applicant, not the student.

BUS COMPANIES

RTM Bus Service – Robert McCarthy PH: 0417 787 301
Mareeba – Tolga – Atherton

Trans North Bus & Coach – Michael Comino & Kelly Emerson PH: 3036 2070
Email: malanda.manager@transnorthbus.com.au
Millaa Millaa – Tarzali - Malanda – Yungaburra – Atherton – Herberton

Following enrolment at Mount St Bernard College, parents should contact the relevant bus company to secure a seat on the bus. Midway through terms one and three, application forms are sent home for completion to participate in the Assistance Scheme.
Further information is available at the student enrolment interview.