

Dear parent / guardian

Please find attached your School Start Bonus voucher.

The School Start Bonus (SSB) is provided by the Victorian Government to all parents and guardians who have a child starting Prep or Year 7 for the first time in 2010 to help cover the costs of uniforms, school bags, books and other related expenses, and to give students a positive start at school.

The School Start Bonus is separate from, and additional to, the Education Maintenance Allowance. SSB is not means tested and has no connection with Centrelink.

The voucher can be redeemed for cash upon presentation of photo ID at any Australia Post outlet displaying the Bank@Post sign **from 11 January 2010**.

The SSB is \$300 per eligible student.

If your name is incorrect on the voucher, ask your school to reissue the voucher in your correct legal name.

For more information about the School Start Bonus:

- Visit [www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au), or
- Call the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development on (freecall) 1800 809 834 option 6

Yours faithfully

School Principal