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TO: Diocesan Directors, Principals of RI/MPJP Schools, EREA Colleges Ltd, EREA Flexible Schools Ltd and Other Authorised Addressees

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TOPIC: School Transport Bus Fare Thresholds for Semester 1 2026

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Dear Colleagues

The Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS), funded by the State Government and administered by QCEC, provides financial assistance to families transporting children to non-state schools in Queensland.

The Scheme's Bus Fare Assistance Program (BFAP) provides a rebate above a threshold amount to eligible families whose student attends a non-state school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary. Setting a threshold, to be self-funded, is necessary to ensure the funding provided by the State Government is adequate to meet demand.

The threshold is reviewed by the NSSTAS Reference Committee every semester and adjusted based on available cash reserves and anticipated demand. It is set before the start of the upcoming semester to ensure schools and families can appropriately plan their travel arrangements.

The weekly family threshold for Semester 2 2025 was set by the Committee in March 2025 at \$40 (\$30 for a concession card holder). Applications for Semester 2 2025 travel are currently open and can be made online until 31 October 2025 at SchoolTransport.com.au.

The Reference Committee is pleased to advise that the weekly family threshold for Semester 1 2026 will remain at \$40 (\$30 for a concession card holder). Applications for Semester 1 2026 travel open online in May 2026.

Further information about the Scheme is available at SchoolTransport.com.au.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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