



# Saint Ignatius College Geelong

## College Bus Fares/Fees 2024

Families have utilised different types of bus services for students attending Saint Ignatius College since 2003. The service uses a combination of providers to enable students to be able to travel to and from the College from most areas of the Geelong region. Our students currently use Public Bus Routes (designated for students), Private Charter Buses and an application system for designated PTV routes used by Bellarine Secondary College.

### 1. Private Charter Buses

Currently, there are 10 private charter bus routes. These are: Routes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

The bus service relies on the assistance from the Victorian State Government Conveyance Allowance Program and has also been heavily subsidised by the College. With the opening of Iona College, we have not been able to claim this assistance in many cases as it is dependent on the distance to the closest denominational school. Iona has now become, in some cases, the closest Catholic, co-educational secondary school and, if there are places available at Iona College, this excludes Saint Ignatius College from this government funding.

The fee structure has been adopted by the College, and is used in conjunction with the Victorian State Government Conveyance Allowance Program to fund the College Private Charter Bus Service.

The fee for 2024 will be:

- \$480 (includes GST) for each student.

This fee will be reviewed annually. If this fee applies in your case, we will automatically include it on your 2024 account.

### 2. Public Transport Bus

Newly enrolled students using public transport to travel to/from school will need to purchase a Geelong TSP. Eligible students will then need to apply for a conveyance allowance at the school office to be reimbursed the ticket cost".

#### How do families apply for a TSP and claim the cost of the pass (where eligible)

##### Purchasing a Transit Student Pass (TSP)

###### If your child has a Saint Ignatius Student ID card

Take their ID card directly to the Geelong VLine station or the PTV hub in Westfield Geelong to purchase a yearly or half-yearly pass. \*Please retain your receipt for claim.

###### If your child does not have a Saint Ignatius Student ID Card

Please complete the PTV School Student ID and Student Pass Application Form available from the College office or online at <https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/assets/PTV-default-site/tickets/myki/concessions-and-free-travel/children-and-students/information-for-schools-on-ptv-approved-school-student-id/2024-PTV-School-Student-ID-and-Student-Pass-application-form.pdf> To complete this form, you will require two passport photographs before the form can be validated. Once the form is completed and the two photographs have been attached, please bring the form to the College office where it will be validated by our Reception staff. Once validated, please take the form to the Geelong VLine station or the PTV hub at Westfield Geelong to purchase a yearly or half-yearly pass. \*Please retain your receipt for claim.



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## Claiming the cost of the TSP

Attach your \*receipt for the TSP to the **Application for Conveyance – Public Bus** form provided by the College and return as soon as possible in Term 1 of 2024.

## Am I eligible for a claim?

Families may be eligible to claim a reimbursement for the cost of the TSP from the Department of Education and Training. Eligibility refers to families residing more than 4.8km by the shortest practical route from their closest Co-educational, Catholic school.

## Student Conveyance Allowance – How does this work?

The Victorian State Government provides financial assistance with student transport in Rural & Regional Areas via a Conveyance Allowance.

The Conveyance Allowance is available to eligible students travelling by:

- Public Transport
- Private Car
- Private Bus

The Conveyance Allowance is a contribution towards transport costs and is not intended to cover the full cost of transporting children to and from school. Eligibility for Conveyance Allowance is subject to meeting certain criteria, namely:

- Student lives more than 4.8km from the school they attend
- Student is attending their closest Catholic or co-educational Secondary School
- Public Transport or a “School Bus Program” Bus is not available to the school they attend

To simplify and minimise the cost to parents for College Bus Travel, the College will retain the Bus Conveyance Allowance from those families with eligible students and these monies are used to offset the actual cost of providing the College Bus Service.

Families who drive their child to school, may be eligible to claim for Private Car Conveyance reimbursement. These monies will be applied towards their College Fees when the funds are received by the College.

It is vitally important that all families complete the relevant Conveyance Application Form provided to each family at the beginning of each year to enable the claims to be processed. These forms will be sent to families at the time of the student’s bus allocation.

Please feel free to contact the College regarding these changes at [buses@ignatius.vic.edu.au](mailto:buses@ignatius.vic.edu.au)

PLEASE NOTE: BUS ALLOCATIONS WILL BE NOTIFIED TO PARENTS/CARERS IN EARLY JANUARY, 2024.