

Media Release

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HELPING KIDS GET ACTIVE AND SAVING PARENTS MONEY

Community sport is now more accessible for Victorian parents wanting their kids to get active as the Andrews Labor Government helps reduce out-of-pocket expenses for thousands of families.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced parents now only need to apply for a \$200 *Get Active Kids* voucher online which can then be redeemed at a registered *Get Active Kids Voucher Activity Provider* – such as a local sporting club or organisation.

The Labor Government has provided \$21 million for the program and in previous rounds families would pay up front and then be reimbursed.

Registered activity providers will lodge voucher codes with the Government to be credited the costs of registration and/or membership fees, while vouchers can also be used for costs associated with uniforms and equipment.

Clubs, associations and organisations must be registered as a *Get Active Kids Voucher Activity Provider* to be able to redeem vouchers. To be eligible they must be affiliated with a recognised State Sporting Association or equivalent governing body.

More than 33,000 vouchers have been snapped up across the first three rounds of the *Get Active Kids Voucher Program*, opening up more opportunities for kids to get active and healthy while having fun.

The program is open to Victorian children aged up to 18, named on a valid Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and named on a valid Medicare Card at the time of application.

A special consideration stream is also available to support children in care, temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants and international students up to 18 years at the time of application.

Applications open at 2pm on Monday, 21 March and close at 5pm on 31 May 2022. To support the transition to the new voucher claim system, families can continue to claim reimbursement for expenses already incurred in this round. To apply or for more information visit the program website getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

“By changing the application process, we’re removing the financial barrier facing many families keen to get their kids involved in community sport.

“This new voucher model means more families can apply and access support to help get their children playing the sports they love.”

“More than 33,000 vouchers have been claimed so far, that’s thousands of kids getting involved in sport who otherwise would not have been able to if it weren’t for this program.”

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