

Media Release

Hon Jacinta Allan MP
Premier



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HELPING FAMILIES HELP MORE KIDS PLAY THE SPORT THEY LOVE

The Allan Labor Government is making sure more kids across Victoria have the opportunity to play the sport they love, with more vouchers to make participating in sport more affordable for families – so even more kids can join in on the fun and gain the lifelong healthy skills that sport provides.

Premier Jacinta Allan today joined Member for Eureka Michaela Settle, Member for Wendouree Juliana Addison and the Mount Clear Junior Football Club to announce the *Victorian Budget 2024/25* invests an extra \$6 million to extend the Labor Government's Get Active Kids Voucher Program.

Eligible families include those with health care cards or other concession cards and can apply for vouchers of up to \$200 per child to help with the upfront costs of memberships, registration fees, uniforms and equipment across a wide range of sporting codes and recreation activities.

Almost 150,000 vouchers have been provided to families since the Labor Government launched the scheme in 2020, with more than half of recipients saying their kids would not have been able to participate in their favourite sport without the voucher.

From soccer to dance, there are more than 2,000 registered sport providers available for families across the state – providing a sport that every Victorian kid can love.

Families can apply for the vouchers online before redeeming them at a Get Active Kids Voucher Registered Activity Provider like a local sporting club. The next round of applications will open this Spring – in time for the summer sport season.

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

Families are encouraged to subscribe to the email notification to find out when the next round of the vouchers start later this year at getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers.

Quote attributable to Premier of Victoria Jacinta Allan

"We're helping families by giving every child in Victoria the chance to embrace the joy of sport, with our Get Active Kids Voucher program – making it easier for families to participate in sport, building healthier and happier communities across the state."

Quote attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"We're so proud to extend this incredibly successful program that cultivates healthy habits for young Victorians, making it easier for kids to join their friends in the sports and recreation activities they love."

Quote attributable to Member for Eureka Michaela Settle

"We understand that families are facing challenges with the cost of living. These vouchers, providing up to \$200 to families, will help ease the burden on families and encourage more children to participate in local sports."

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Quote attributable to Member for Wendouree Juliana Addison

"Sport is the lifeblood of our community, and the Get Active Kids Vouchers program will empower families across Ballarat to register their children, ensuring they can enjoy the benefits of staying active and healthy while having fun."

Quote attributable to President of Mount Clear Junior Football Club Mick Ryan

"I thank the Allan Labor Government for providing funding from this program, which will make a huge difference to our club. As a Get Active Kids Voucher registered provider, this program will let even more young people come and get involved in our club."