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HELPING EVEN MORE KIDS GET ACTIVE

The Allan Labor Government will deliver thousands more \$200 vouchers for families to help with the cost of living and give even more kids the opportunity to play the sport they love.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence has announced the *Get Active Kids Voucher Program* will receive an extra \$3 million – following the initial huge uptake of vouchers from parents right across the state.

The boost will make sure more kids are hitting sixes, slam dunking and making a splash this summer – with round eight of the vouchers now open.

The vouchers help parents cover the costs of sports memberships, registration fees, uniforms and equipment. Eligible families who hold health care cards or other concession cards can apply for vouchers or a reimbursement of up to \$200 per child.

Prior to this top up being announced, a huge 150,000 vouchers had already been provided to families since the program launched in 2020. More than half of the families say their kids would not have been able to participate in sport without the voucher.

From soccer to dancing, there are more than 70 sports and more than 2,100 activity providers included in the program across the state – meaning kids across Victoria have the chance to take part in a wide range of sports and activities.

The program is open to kids aged 18 and under who are named on a Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, and named on a Medicare Card.

A special consideration stream is also available to support children in care, temporary or provisional visa holders, migrants and international students.

Families can apply for the vouchers online before redeeming them at an activity provider like a local sporting club.

For more information and to apply for a voucher visit getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"Families love this program and by offering more vouchers we're making sure no child misses out on playing the sport they love."

"More vouchers means more families can apply – and we know that covering the costs of memberships, registration fees, uniforms and equipment goes a long way in helping with the cost of living."