

Media Release

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ONE MILLION YOUNG VICTORIANS NOW TRAVELLING FOR FREE

The Allan Labor Government is making public transport free for every child, every day, everywhere – putting money back in the pockets of parents right across Victoria.

Acting Premier Ben Carroll and Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams today announced that all passengers under 18 are now able to catch a train, tram or bus for free with their Youth myki card anywhere in the state.

This will help to ease the cost of living for Victorian families – making getting to school and seeing family and friends cheaper and easier.

A yearly student pass in 2025 cost \$755. A family with three children using yearly student passes spent \$2,265 a year. A student without a yearly pass – who buys a daily fare four times a week – spent \$1,144 a year.

Across Victoria there are more than one million young Victorians who are eligible for the new Youth myki card, unlocking more opportunities to get young people where they need to go.

Passengers aged 5 to 17 must carry their Youth myki as proof of their free travel entitlement and should continue to tap on and off to ensure a smooth entry and exit when travelling across the network.

Youth myki cards are available to purchase for \$5, both online on the Transport Victoria website or in person at staffed stations.

It's just one of the ways the Labor Government is making travel across Victoria cheaper.

The Labor Government's regional fare cap has already saved Victorians more than \$174 million and travel is free for everyone, everywhere, every weekend across the public transport network until Sunday, 1 February to celebrate the opening of the Metro Tunnel.

For more information on the Youth myki and free travel across the network visit transport.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Acting Premier Ben Carroll

"Free public transport for every child, every day, everywhere – from today."

"This will put money back in the pockets of parents right across Victoria and make life just that little bit easier."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams

"This is real, practical, cost of living relief for Victorian families. Whether it's travelling to the city, to regional Victoria or just around the corner – it's now free for every child."

"We're adding more services across our public transport network, to provide Victorians with more options to get to appointments, work and social activities."