

Dear parents/carers

With the launch of the School Saving Bonus (SSB), we've listed below a few recurring questions we are receiving from families.

### **Can the School Saving Bonus be used for school contributions?**

The SSB cannot go toward school contributions, such as curriculum, cooking and gardening, building funds, library fund and other curriculum contributions.

### **How do I transfer funds to activities in the Portal?**

You will need to log in to the SSB Portal and transfer the funds to the school using the **School Activity** option. Please see the help guides on the SSB website for information on how to do this – we cannot do it for you or on your behalf at the school.

### **What activities can SSB funds be used for, and do they expire?**

At Kensington PS, the bonus can be used towards 2025 school activity costs, including:

- The Grade 3-4 camp in term 4
- The Grade 5-6 camp in term 3
- Grade level excursions and in school activities
- Foundation - Yr 4 swimming lessons in term 4
- Yr 5 -6 Open Water swimming in term 4

Grade level excursion and in school activities are not known at this point as teachers may develop activities that centres around their classroom learning throughout the year.

Any unallocated funds at the end of June will automatically be applied to school activities.

### **Why can I not see the money in my COMPASS?**

COMPASS does not cater for the School Saving Bonus transactions.

### **How can I use the SSB funds to pay for school activities (camps & excursions)?**

If you have allocated SSB funds to activities through the parent portal, the funds will remain in your family account until fully applied to the events of your choice. To use the funds, you will need to complete a form that we will provide to consent for the use of SSB funds to cover the cost of the activity. Staff will manually adjust the cost in COMPASS, parents will need to consent and if applicable pay for any outstanding monies due.

### **What will happen to any remaining uniform vouchers in the portal after 1st July 2025?**

As of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025, the portal will become unavailable to parents, therefore any uniform vouchers remaining in the portal after this date will automatically convert to school activities vouchers. These funds will sit in the family account for allocation to school activities.

### **I need help with the School Saving Bonus**

For assistance, contact SSB support via email at [school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au) or by calling 1800 338 663. Please see the resources for families on the SSB website, including

user guides and videos available in many languages. <https://www.vic.gov.au/receiving-school-saving-bonus>