



StudentKeeper 2021

Opt-In COVID-19 Assistance Voucher for NSW Jewish Day Schools

Up to \$6,000 per student at Jewish Day School is available to families adversely financially impacted by COVID-19, to put toward first term 2021 school fees.

With COVID-19 continuing to impact our community, more Jewish Day School families are experiencing increased household financial pressure and uncertainty. Some families are, for the first time applying, for school fee assistance, deferring school fees, or having trouble paying school fees.

The JCA Millie Phillips Jewish Education Fund, through the generous assistance of an anonymous donor, has established a fund to support families at Jewish Day Schools who are struggling or unable to meet their school fee commitments due to the adverse impact of COVID-19 on household income.

StudentKeeper 2021 will provide short term financial support to assist families in keeping their children enrolled at Jewish Day Schools. Eligible families may apply online for a once only voucher per student towards their first term 2021 Jewish Day School fees.

Three levels of voucher are available in the amount of \$2,000, \$4,000 or \$6,000 per Jewish Day School student, but may be scaled due to demand.

The *StudentKeeper2021* voucher will be available to families who meet all the following criteria:

- a child currently at a Jewish Day School or entering a Jewish Day School in 2021;
- at least one Jewish parent;
- not currently in receipt of Jewish Day School Fee Assistance, or any other reduction in school fees, other than for a non-means tested discount e.g. sibling discount, scholarships;

and

- where at least one parent/guardian is in receipt of Jobseeker as a result of loss of employment or having been stood down

or

- can demonstrate a reduction of approximately 30% or more in household income due to COVID-19 in 2020, compared to 2019 (calendar year).

Families who currently have a school fee deferral arrangement with their school, as a result of COVID-19, are eligible to apply for *Studentkeeper*, so long as they are not also receiving a means tested discount of their school fees.

StudentKeeper 2021 will have a simplified application process focussing on a change in income and job prospects. The process will be assessed and administered independently of your child's Jewish Day School, and any approved funds will be paid to the school, directed to your student account.

Applicants will be required to provide documentation to support their application, including:

- the most recent School fee account.



- for business owners - ATO confirmation of the business' qualification for JobKeeper 2.0;
- for employees - two consecutive payslips between 1 Jul 2019 and 31 Dec 2019 plus two consecutive payslips post 1 Aug 2020 showing an approximate 30% or greater reduction in income; and
- for those currently unemployed - evidence of JobSeeker payment and notice of redundancy or being stood down; and

In order for us to assess your application, we may need to verify some of the financial and other information provided, with your child's school. By submitting the *StudentKeeper 2021* online form, you agree that we may use and share the financial and other information you have provided for the purpose of assessing your eligibility.

Online *StudentKeeper 2021* applications will be open from October 15 until November 15 2020. Families will be advised of the outcome by 15 December 2020.

[Complete the Online Application form here](#)