

Introducing the School Opal card

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using the train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There's no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking.



If you live too close to be eligible for free travel, you may still qualify for a School Term Bus Pass, which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

Parents whose children already have a School Opal card and are changing schools or campuses will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts.

How to apply

Applications for 2017 open at the start of Term 4, 2016.

Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed the student's enrolment, complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2

Print, sign and date the completed application, then submit it to the student's new school for endorsement.

Step 3

The school then sends the endorsed application to Transport for NSW. Once approved, the School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over must apply for themselves.



Better together

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school. So it's a good idea to get a Child/Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays.

Child/Youth Opal card benefits

- Concession fares across the Opal network
- Free travel after eight paid journeys each week*
- Set auto top up and link it to your credit or debit card so there's always enough value on the card to travel.

Find out more and apply at opal.com.au or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find one in your area visit retailers.opal.com.au.



Secondary students aged 16 and over can travel with a Child/Youth Opal card when carrying a NSW/ACT Senior Secondary Student Concession Card, available from school and TAFE offices.

* Excluding Sydney Airport station access fee.