



The 2026-27 Victorian State Budget delivers for families



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Some key initiatives benefiting families include:

- **\$15M** to boost kinship, foster and permanent carer allowances
- **\$165M** to continue the Restoring Families program
- **Free public transport** for all under-18s — in place since January 2026
- **\$2.5B** for Victorians with disability, including early support for children under 8
- **\$14M** for School Breakfast Clubs

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For Carers

- **Nearly \$15M** to help kinship, foster and permanent carers manage cost-of-living pressures
- **\$165M** to continue the Restoring Families program – therapeutic and wrap-around support for families with complex needs, including **\$10M** in new funding to expand the program
- **\$71M** to improve outcomes for children and young people in care
- **\$30M** over two years to support children with disabilities and their families, including specialist Family Services Disability responses
- **\$126M** for a new digital system to replace outdated child protection case management tools – meaning better, faster support for families
- **\$5M** to expand the Community Protecting Boorais program, with seven investigation teams supporting Aboriginal children and families across Victoria by 2027



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Children's Health

- **\$109M** for 45,000 more specialist paediatric appointments and 4,000 extra kids' surgeries
- **\$2.3M** for the Secondary School Immunisation program
- **\$2.5B** for Victorians with disability, including Thriving Kids — early support for children under 8 with developmental delay or autism
- **\$5.4M** to continue the Youth Outreach and Recovery Service for young people
- **\$10M** to keep Urgent Care Clinics running — free, open late and on weekends
- ADHD diagnosis now easier through GPs — urgent prescription resupply via Virtual ED from September





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Early Childhood

- **Free Kinder** saving families up to \$2,700 per child per year
 - **\$201M** for up to 22 new kindergartens on or near public school sites
 - **\$180M** in grants for 27 new and expanded kindergartens and childcare centres
 - **\$7.4M** for Kinder Kits — free books and toys for three-year-olds starting kinder
 - **\$26M** for the Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority — keeping kinder safe
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Schools

- **\$420M** to build 4 new schools and campuses across Victoria
- **\$295M** to upgrade 31 schools
- **\$217M** for modular classrooms creating new school places
- **\$2.2B** to support students with disability in schools
- **\$39M** for transport for students with disabilities





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Food, Cost of Living and Basics for Kids

- **\$14M** for School Breakfast Clubs — free healthy breakfast for kids in need
 - **\$28M** for the Affordable School Uniforms Program — saves families \$93 on average
 - **\$16M** to expand Glasses for Kids — free vision screening and glasses for children
 - **\$15M** for free zoo admission for under-16s on weekends, public holidays and school holidays
 - **\$11M** for 55,000 Get Active Kids Vouchers to help cover sports enrolment costs
 - **\$11M** to strengthen community food security and food relief grants
 - **\$566M** in concessions for eligible households on energy, rates and water bills
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Transport

- **Free public transport** for all under-18s — in place since January 2026
- **Half-price public transport** for all Victorians until 1 January 2027
- **20% vehicle registration rebate** — up to \$186 per car





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Family Safety and Housing

- **\$100M** for family violence prevention — including refuges, crisis packages and trauma counselling for 915 children per year
- **\$860M** additional into the Social Housing Growth Fund for 7,000+ new homes
- **\$2.7M** to expand financial counselling for families under financial stress
- **\$26M** for emergency accommodation and nine new outreach teams for rough sleepers



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Child Safety

- **\$17M** to ensure Working with Children and NDIS checks are processed effectively
- **\$126M** to modernise digital systems supporting at-risk children and families
- **\$208M** in compensation for Victorians who experienced abuse in institutional care prior to 1990