



Changes to SSTS applications and the introduction of the School Opal Card

From Term 1 2016, Transport for NSW will be issuing School Opal cards to students eligible for travel under the School Student Transport Scheme in lieu of bus/ train passes currently issued by the transport operator. Students who travel with Bailey's Bus Services will remain with a paper travel pass.

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school on school days and doesn't cover travel to after school care, school excursions, sport and other activities away from school. A Child/Youth Opal card may be purchased for personal use.

For students who currently hold a travel pass in years K, 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7-11, nothing needs to be done. Your 2016 School Opal card will be delivered to the College early 2016.

An application for the School Opal card is to be completed if students are:

- Entering Kindergarten
- Progressing from Year 2 into Year 3
- Commencing Year 7
- Repeating a year
- Changing school
- Changing address or personal details
- Changing mode of transportation.

How to apply for and School Opal card:

- Complete the application at **www.transportnsw.info/school-students**.
- Print, sign and date the completed application, then submit it to the College Administration for endorsement.
- The College will send the endorsed application to Transport for NSW. Once approved, the School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.

OR

- Complete the paper SSTS application form recently handed out and return it to the College Administration **by Thursday the 3rd of December 2015** for endorsement.
- The College will send the endorsed application to Transport for NSW. Once approved, the School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.

Please note paper applications for School Opal cards received after the 3rd of December 2015 cannot be processed and you will be required to complete the application online.

For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit www.transportnsw.info/school-students or call 131 500.