



**Pittwater House**

## The School Opal Card

In order to be eligible for the free School Opal Card, students will need to live a minimum distance away from their school as per the below:

- Years K-2: No minimum distance
- Years 3-6: 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further
- Years 7-12: 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further

Most students or parents won't need to re-apply for the School Opal card as the School Opal Cards will remain valid from year to year. However, a new application is required if:

- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before
- The student is changing schools
- The student's personal details have changed (eg. address)
- You are requesting a new additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation
- You have received an expiry notification
- You are requesting a new transport operator

If your child qualifies for the Student Opal Card, please follow the directions below and complete the online application:

1. Visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/home#/howToApply> and complete the relevant online application form.
2. Once completed – the school will endorse the application online. You will be advised if you need to do anything further once you have completed your online application.
3. Student Transport will then forward you your child's School Opal Card for use to the address nominated on the application form.

The School Opal Card does not need to be re-issued every year, so please ensure that your child does not dispose of it at the end of the school year. School Opal Card holders will not need to reapply every year as long as they remain eligible.

If you have any queries, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions on the Transport NSW page - <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/faqs>

Yours sincerely

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