Who needs to apply

Most students who already have a school student travel pass won't need to apply for the School Opal card. It will be sent to the student's school at the beginning of the school year in 2016.

An application is needed if the student
- Has not had a travel pass before
- Is moving from Year 2 to Year 3
- Is moving from Year 6 to Year 7
- Is changing schools
- Is changing address

How to apply

Step 1
Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2
Print, sign and date the completed application, then submit it to the student’s 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.

Transforming ticketing

Opal is the easy way to get around on public transport in Sydney, the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Hunter, Illawarra and Southern Highlands.

Introducing the School Opal card

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

The School Opal card replaces the old paper School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel pass.

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.

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
• Fares capped daily at $7.50*
• Fares capped weekly at $30*
• Fares capped at $2.50 on Sundays*
• 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.

* Excluding Sydney Airport station access fee.