



BUS FUND

THE JOCK AND BEVERLY MCILWAIN ARTS BUS FUND

ABOUT JOCK AND BEVERLY MCILWAIN

Jock and Beverly were long-term Diamond Benefactors of the Centre. The Jock & Beverly McIlwain Arts Bus Fund was specifically launched in 2013 to highlight their support, assisting schools and students in reducing the cost of bus travel to the Centre.

With a passion for developing arts appreciation in young people, Jock and Beverly were committed to ensuring that there are fewer financial barriers for our future generations who have a genuine passion for the arts and the courage to pursue their dreams. Since its inception in 2013, Beverley and Jock have both sadly passed away; their legacy and generous contributions still provide support to the development of young talent and the cultural opportunities available to young people on the Gold Coast.

BACKGROUND

Through research it was found that the most significant inhibitor to schools attending activities at HOTA, Home of the Arts was the cost of bus travel. This cost means many young people miss out on the valuable learning opportunities that the performing and visual arts provide.

The Jock and Beverly McIlwain Arts Bus Fund is an initiative to assist in reducing the cost of bus travel to the Centre. Schools can apply to the fund to receive a one-off subsidy to contribute towards bus travel to see an exhibition, performance or participate in a workshop at HOTA. The subsidies available are graded as per the below:

Category A: Schools within 70km of HOTA, Home of the Arts in Bundall.

- A.1)** Booking for 0-49 students \$200,
- A.2)** 50-99 students \$300,
- A.3)** 100+ students \$500

Category B: Schools traveling over 70km to HOTA, Home of the Arts in Bundall.

- B.1)** Booking for 0-49 students \$300,
- B.2)** 50-99 students \$400,
- B.3)** 100+ students \$600



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Schools must complete an application form to be considered for the subsidy. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
2. Subsidies will only be granted for cultural activities and events that are programmed by the Centre
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4. Applications are assessed on their merits by a nominated representative of HOTA, Home of the Arts and in order of receipt. Subsidies will be granted until the full Fund has been allocated.
5. Any school can apply to the Fund, however, at the discretion of the representative, priority may be given to schools from economically disadvantaged areas that do not own buses.
6. Schools will only be granted one subsidy per calendar year, excluding special circumstances that may be deemed extraordinary by HOTA, Home of the Arts representative.
7. Schools that have both primary and secondary cohorts can apply once for a primary and once for a secondary excursion.
8. All decisions regarding the allocation of subsidies are final and no discussion will be entered into regarding those decisions.

For enquiries please contact our Education Team
hotaeducation@experiencegoldcoast.com

APPLICATION FORM

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School name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Email: _____

Primary Enrollment: _____ Secondary Enrollment: _____

What is the approximate distance in kilometers between your school and HOTA? (one way) _____

Has your school already been successful in an application to the Bus Fund in 2025? YES NO

Proposed activity: (Name of the performance, exhibition or workshop you are attending)

Date: _____ Time: _____ Year Level: _____

Number of students attending: _____ Number of teachers/supervisors attending: _____

Have you completed a booking form for this activity?

Yes – Continue No – Please complete a booking form before submitting this application

Approximate cost of bus/es to attend activity (excludes GST): _____

Approximate cost only is required.

Please ensure that you include the total cost – e.g., if three buses are required at \$300 each, the total cost is \$900.

Number of buses required: _____ Will you be traveling on a bus owned by your school? YES NO

Will the excursion go ahead if the application to the Fun is not successful? YES NO

Please tell us why your school should receive this subsidy:

If your application to the Bus Fund is successful you will be notified via email and an invoice for the subsidy amount will be requested.
Unsuccessful applications will be notified by email.

HOTA USE ONLY

Booking received:

Amount funded:

Date received:

Funding category:

Approved by	Date	Signature