



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Would \$500 assist you with education costs?

Saver Plus is a 10-month financial education and matched savings program that assists people to improve their financial education and develop a savings habit for their own or their children's education costs by offering matched savings, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$500. As you have applied for the Education Maintenance Allowance, I thought you may be interested in this program.

Saver Plus is delivered by The Smith Family in your local area and is currently looking for more eligible parents to join the program.

Many Brimbank participants have used their matched savings to purchase computers, school uniforms and text books, sports equipment, excursions and other school related costs.

To be eligible, participants must:

- have a current Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- be at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (themselves or their partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment, and
- be a parent or guardian of a child at school OR be attending or returning to vocational education themselves.

How it works

Participants:

- work with their Saver Plus Coordinator to identify an educational expense for which they intend to save
- open an account with their local ANZ branch and begin making deposits
- attend MoneyMinded workshops to improve their financial management skills, and
- continue to make regular deposits into their ANZ Progress Saver account over a 10-month period.

Once participants reach their savings goal, participants savings are matched dollar for dollar, up to \$500 by ANZ.

How to apply

For further information contact Jasmine Duong at The Smith Family on 9312 0932 / 0419 607 295 or email jasmine.duong@thesmithfamily.com.au or check out <http://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/SaverPlus>.

Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.

