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STUDENT ASSISTANCE POLICY

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Policy Rationale

Financial assistance is available to ensure all students have access to the same events, uniforms and stationery.

The Student Assistance Fund is a school allocated, limited allotment of funds, provided to support students attending Annandale Public School. The scheme enables financial assistance to be provided to eligible families for school related expenses.

Context and Guidelines

A small amount of student assistance funding is made available to parents by Annandale Public School through its RAM allocation to support students in need. Generally the school will provide part funding for activities to assist parents.

General Student Assistance

Students each year are asked to contribute to a variety of expenses relating to their education. These expenses include, but are not limited to, such things as:

- school uniform
- workbooks
- school incursions/excursions or related costs
- school camps
- specific subject costs
- stationery needs.

If families are experiencing difficulty in funding these activities, parents are asked to seek assistance from the school. Families should contact the school and speak confidentially to the supervising Assistant Principal or Principal when seeking assistance.

Annandale Public School does not wish any student to be disadvantaged from attending excursions or camps, being in proper school uniform or having appropriate workbooks. At all times we aim to ensure equity of our core programs.

Where student assistance is required, please contact the supervising Assistant Principal or Principal directly on 9516 3711 to determine eligibility.

Student Representative Assistance

From time to time, students excel at their chosen activity and have an opportunity to represent our school and public education at large events.

When students represent the school at national or international events, parents are able to claim the cost of the associated levy (up to a maximum of \$100 per child). Students must be representing NSW or Australia at an event supported through public education. Examples of this include representing NSW at national athletic, swimming or other sporting events.

Some sports or creative endeavours are more difficult to ascertain the level of representation. For these events, the Principal only has discretion to allocate the \$100 subsidy.

Parents are asked to make an appointment with the supervising Assistant Principal or Principal to determine eligibility. They should then send the supporting documentation into the school office within an appropriate period of time to allow the subsidy to be paid. In most cases the subsidy will be paid directly to the school or organisation organising the event.

Please note that applications to the Student Assistance Fund are limited to \$200 per family, per calendar year.

Document history and details

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