

Student Assistance Policy

Wyee Public School

RATIONALE

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The Student Assistance Scheme (SAS) is a limited annual allotment of funds, provided to support students attending New South Wales government schools. The scheme enables financial assistance to be provided to eligible families for school related expenses.

GUIDELINES

A small amount of student assistance funding is made available to the school by the NSW Department of Education to support students in need. Generally the school will provide part funding for activities to assist parents.

Where student assistance is required, a form can be obtained from the office to complete. The Principal will assess each application and make the final decision in conjunction with the classroom teacher and other relevant staff.

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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 / stationery needs
- school incursions / excursions or related costs
- school camps

Extra-curricular activities are NOT covered by Student Assistance, e.g. school photos, Band and StarStruck.

If families are experiencing difficulty in funding these activities, parents are asked to seek assistance from the school.

- No allocation will be made for the first \$10.00.
- For costs of \$10.00 to \$75.00 – not more than 30% subsidy of the cost of the activity.
- For costs greater than \$75.00 – not more than 50% subsidy of the cost of the activity.
- For families with more than one student attending overnight camps, special consideration will be given.

Wyee Public School does not wish any student to be disadvantaged from attending excursions or camps, being in correct school uniform or having appropriate workbooks.

Confidential discussions with the Principal are encouraged to ensure equity of our core programs.

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 has discretion to allocate the \$100 subsidy.

Parents are asked to make an appointment with the Principal to determine eligibility. They should then complete an application form and send 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 arranging the event.

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***This Policy was endorsed by the Wyee
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