

## Education (General Provisions) (Helping Families with School Costs) Amendment Bill 2023

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I currently have one child in grade 7 at state high school and one child in grade 4 at state primary and collectively at the two schools I am over \$1400 in debt. Our state high school (The Gap State High) has announced the end of year excursion for grade 7s will be to Wet and Wild but is only available to children whose parents are fully up-to-date with all school bills, or have a payment plan in place. This means that all children in grade 7 will be able to clearly see whose parents are financially struggling, by who is allowed to go to Wet and Wild. It creates a really sad and stigmatizing division of the children that will have a long-term impact on them throughout their time at high school. At this time we are seriously struggling to make ends meet and are in no position to pay our school bills. State school should be genuinely free, and not create yet another situation where society is divided into have and have-nots - especially when it comes to vulnerable young people.