

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

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My son is currently in year 10. Every year since grade 1 we have had to spend around four hundred dollars on iPads and laptops and a further \$50 on IT support, plus approximately \$250 on student resources, at least \$500 on uniforms, around \$400 on shoes, hats, another \$1-200 on school excursions/incursions. In addition to this the schools ask for voluntary contributions to help pay for teacher aides, and we've spent countless hours fundraising for air conditioners, water bubblers. If your kids learn music or play for a school sports team there are additional costs even though we know how beneficial the arts and sports are for kids. And despite all this money and effort public schools still don't have all the facilities and support they need. Often specialist equipment is broken or there isn't enough to go around. It is unsustainable for all families to pay this much for a 'free education'.