

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

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When enrolling a child in a public school, there is an expectation of some small costs, such as uniforms, lunchboxes, and bags. However I was not prepared financially or otherwise for the extra costs such as the following: Swimming lesson costs (when the school has a pool and PE teachers) 'Voluntary student resource scheme', of which opting out means extra book costs School book packs, including resources for the class such as tissues This is on top of the teachers spending extra themselves on classroom resources and fundraising nights being held to try and raise money for 'essential upgrades'. My personal concern is that none of these costs are expected or budgeted for. My biggest concern though, is while I may be able to afford an odd, unexpected expense, there are families that may not. When enquiring with the school, families must make their financial situation well known to have any expense waived. This is a step many would not take to maintain their dignity. Public schools should be fully, publically funded.