

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

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For the last 5 years, the Queensland Government has only been funding state schools to 69.26% when they should be funding to 80%. This has meant a shortfall of \$1.7B each year. For our parents, this has meant the school has been asking parents to pay more for resources, excursions, and other levies. Many families are having to choose between paying for general living expenses and being able to pay for their child to participate in school activities which should be free as part of their state school education. For the P&C, this has meant that we have been asked to cover costs for specialist teacher wages (environmental education), furniture for inclusion spaces, equipment for the music program, and electronic devices. The P&C has also been helping more families in need with costs for uniforms, and tuckshop. These demands have put pressure on running fundraising activities, on a background of increasing costs of living, more parents working full time, and a lack of volunteers. For our teachers, this has meant less teacher aide hours, larger class sizes, and less specialist teaching hours.