

REFUND GUIDELINES

At Alexandra Hills State High School, we are committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for students, staff and volunteers. This commitment includes the health and safety of staff and students when conducting curriculum activities in the school or in other locations.

School excursions and camps enhance a student's learning by providing opportunities for the student to participate in activities, both curriculum-related and recreational, outside the normal school routine. All planned school excursions are approved by the Principal and endorsed by the Parents and Citizens Association.

State schools are able to charge a fee for:

- a) An educational service including materials and consumables not defined as instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student
- b) An education service purchased from a provider other than the school where the provider charges the school, and
- c) A specialised educational program.

A school fee is directed to the purpose for which it is charged.

School fees for extra-curricular activities are calculated on a cost recovery only basis, according to the number of students who have indicated their attendance.

Participation of students in an extra-curricular activity is indicated through payment of the fee and provision of a permission form completed by the parent.

As the school budget cannot meet any shortfalls in funding for an extra-curricular activity due to the subsequent non-participation of a student who had previously indicated attendance of the activity, fees already paid for an extra-curricular activity may be refunded in full or in part or not at all, having regard to the associated expenses incurred and the circumstances of the non-participation.

If a parent wishes to apply for a refund due to their child's non-participation in an extra-curricular activity, they may do so by completing a Request for Refund form available from the Payments Office and on the school web page. Where possible, the request should include the receipt relating to the payment for which a refund is being sought.

It is preferred that refunds be made as a credit against the student's account at the school, and used to offset any future charges.

Department of Education and Training policy references:

Education (General Provisions) Act 2006

SCM-PR-002: School Excursions

FNM-PR-019: State Education Fees

Please note a refund payment will only be issued to a parent which is free of any outstanding balance on their student's school account. Where a balance is owing a refund will be issued as a credit directly onto the student's school account to offset any outstanding amounts.

REQUEST FOR REFUND

I, _____, being the parent/carer of _____

In Year _____, request a refund of \$_____ paid for

_____ (activity).

I request a refund due to: _____

I understand and agree that:

- a) A refund may **not** be made to me or be made in full or in part, having regard to the associated expenses already incurred by the school, and the school's refund guidelines provided to me.
- b) The school receipt for the original payment is **attached/not attached**.
- c) My details will be kept confidential and will not be used for any other purpose.
- d) My refund to be made:

As a credit against my child's account at the school; or

To my bank account via electronic funds transfer (EFT) please complete details below:

Signature of Parent/Caregiver

Bank Account Details:

Account Name: _____

BSB: _____ Account No. _____

Bank: _____ Branch: _____