

Refund Guidelines for Excursions and Camps

At Mango Hill State 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:

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

A school fee is directed to the purpose for which it is charged. School fees for excursions and camps are calculated on a cost recovery only basis, according to the number of students who have indicated their attendance. Participation of students in an excursion or camp is indicated through payment of the excursion or camp fee and provision of a permission form completed by the parent/carer.

As the school budget cannot meet any shortfalls in funding for an excursion or camp due to the subsequent non-participation of a student who had previously indicated attendance of the activity, fees already paid for an excursion or school camp 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. Fees are calculated as close as possible to the expenses related directly to the excursion/incursion/camp but at times a deficit or surplus of funds can occur. With the support of the schools Parent and Citizens Association, in the event of this occurring where the amount is under \$5.00 per student the funds will be redirected into the program area that the excursion/incursion/camp is linked to e.g. English, Maths etc; when there is a deficit the program area will cover the shortfall from their individual program budgets.

If a parent/carer wishes to apply for a refund due to their child's non-participation in an excursion or camp activity, they may do so by completing a Request for Refund form available from the school office. Where possible, the request should include the receipt relating to the payment for which a refund is being sought.

Refunds are not provided whereby the school has pre-purchased tickets or when transport has been booked to cater for the numbers attending.

In the event that an activity is cancelled, all payments under \$20.00 will be automatically credited to a student's school account to be used against outstanding fees or a credit balance applied to student's school account for future use. It is preferred that refunds be made as a credit against the student's account at the school, and used for any cost in the future.

For payments over \$20.00, parents will be given the option:

- a. to have monies transferred to outstanding debt; or*
- b. if no outstanding debts exist, to have a credit balance applied to their account for future use; or*
- c. receives a refund cheque*

Department of Education and Training policy references:

Education (General Provisions) Act 2006

SCM-PR-002: School Excursions

FNM-PR-019: State Education Fees

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:

1. 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
2. the school receipt for the original payment is attached / not attached (Please circle)
3. my details will be kept confidential and will not be used for any other purpose
4. my refund 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); or

_____/_____/20_____
Signature of Parent/Carer Date

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION: _____

ACCOUNT NAME: _____

BSB _____ ACCOUNT # _____

(School Use Only)

Original Receipt Number: _____ Amount Received: \$ _____

Invoice Number: _____ Order Number: _____

APPROVED Refund Amount Approved: \$ _____ NOT APPROVED

Sales Ord No: _____ Date Actioned: _____

_____/_____/_____
Signature of Principal/BM Date