

2026

Government School Levies and Charges Policy

Hellyer College

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1 Purpose

- This policy and the associated procedure meet the requirement under the [Education Act 2016](#) for the principal of a Government School to develop a policy on levies and charges for each year in accordance with [Secretary's Instruction No 9 for School Levies and Charges](#).
- This policy does not detail all requirements for levies and charges practices. These requirements are detailed in full in the [School Levies and Charges Procedure](#) [staff only access at this time].

2 Policy Statement

Parents with children enrolled at Government Schools contribute towards the cost of their child's education through school levies and charges. Levies and charges are just one of the ways that parents contribute to their child's school. The Department for Education, Children and Young People recognises the other valuable contributions families make to school communities through volunteering, fundraising and other activities.

In adhering to [Secretary's Instruction No 9](#), this Policy and the [School Levies and Charges Procedure](#) [staff only access at this time]:

- Schools MUST consider inclusive education, family financial constraints and community expectations when determining school levies and charges.
- Levies MUST be set at the minimum amount possible.
- The principal MUST consult with the School Association in the development of the school-specific Levies and Charges Policy.
- The school-specific Levies and Charges Policy MUST be developed and implemented in accordance with the [School Levies and Charges Procedure](#) [staff only access at this time].

3 Levies and Charges Requirements

3.1 Levies for 2026

Parents of Kindergarten to Year 10 students contribute towards the cost of essential items and services that support normal educational instruction through payment of an annual all-inclusive levy for their child. Colleges and Year 11 and 12 at Extension Schools are working towards an all-inclusive levy.

Once parents have paid the levy, the school will not request any additional payments for essential items or services needed in that school year.

Families who are supported through the Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) do not need to pay levies. [Applications for the Student Assistance Scheme](#) may be made online, or paper forms collected from the front office at the school.

Levies include costs for all items and services that are required to complete the normal educational instruction at the school.

School uniforms are not included in the levy. Other specific examples and exceptions are detailed in the [School Levies and Charges Procedure](#) [staff only access at this time].

An additional charge is payable for some subjects to cover the cost of additional support materials, clothing or activities. Details of Additional Subject Charges are listed below. These charges do not apply to STAS recipients.

3.2 Additional Subject Charges for 2026

Subject	Charge	Items
Ancient History 3	\$30	Photocopied Course Materials
Art Studio Practice 3 - Digital / General / Photography	\$60	Printing
Athlete Development	\$30	Personalised Training (Off-Campus) & Training Top
Automotive and Mechanical Technologies 2	\$50	Equipment usage and Personal Protective Gear - accessed in class
Biology 2	\$10	Photocopied Course Materials
Biology 3	\$10	Photocopied Course Materials
Certificate II Cookery	\$85	Uniform
Certificate II & III in Community Services	\$55	Polo Top
Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation	\$50	Equipment usage and Personal Protective Gear - accessed in class
Certificate II in Hospitality (Front of House)	\$65	Uniform
Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics	\$110	Kit
Certificate II in Salon Assistant	\$110	Kit
Certificate II in Tourism	\$50	Excursions
Chemistry 4	\$10	Photocopied Course Materials
Community Sport and Recreation 2	\$30	Course materials, equipment & excursions
Contemporary Music 2 Songwriting	\$30	Photocopied course materials
Drama Foundation 2 / Drama 3	\$50	Photocopied course materials + performances
Essential Maths (workplace) 2	\$30	Photocopied course materials
General Mathematics – 2	\$40	Course Materials (x5 workbooks)
General Mathematics – 3	\$30	Course Materials (x5 workbooks)
Health Studies 3	\$30	Photocopied course materials
Japanese Foundation 2	\$30	Course Materials: Education Perfect Program
Modern History 3	\$30	Photocopied course materials
Music 3 / Music Studies 2 / Musical Theatre 2	\$30	Photocopied course materials
Music Technology Projects - Foundation 2	\$30	Photocopied course materials
Outdoor Education 2 & Outdoor Leadership 3	\$120	Excursions (\$70), course materials & Equipment (\$50)
Personal Health and Wellbeing	\$30	Course materials, equipment & excursions
Physical Sciences - Foundation 2	\$10	Photocopied course materials
Physical Sciences 3	\$10	Photocopied course materials
Physics 4	\$10	Photocopied course materials
Psychology 3	\$35	Photocopied course materials
Sociology 3	\$20	Photocopied course materials
Theatre Performance 3	\$50	Photocopied course materials + performances
Transdisciplinary Science 2	\$10	Photocopied course materials

UTAS - Music Foundation Practical Study	\$30	Photocopied course materials
Visual Art 2 - General	\$60	Printing
Visual Art 2 - Photography	\$60	Printing
Visual Art 3 - General	\$60	Printing
Visual Art 3 - Photography	\$60	Printing
Working with Children 2	\$55	Polo Top

4 Payment Options

Payment of levies can be made in full in Term One each year or by instalments using a payment plan. Payment plans are flexible and can continue throughout the school year.

If none of the payment options listed is suitable for your family, you can request a different payment option through the school's contact person for levies and charges (see next section titled Communicating about Levies and Charges for contact details).

Payment of levies and charges can be made by:

- Cash or Credit Card at the school office during opening hours
- Bpay, Bpoint, Centrepay – specific details are found on the bottom of invoices
- Service Tasmania
- Cheque

Parents or guardians are encouraged to discuss payment of levies and charges as early as possible if there is difficulty in affording any element of the levy or charge.

A levy instalment plan is available to parents or guardians who are unable to make a full payment at the beginning of the new school year. This plan offers flexible, sensitively negotiated payment options to assist parents or guardians to budget for this cost. Payments can be made weekly, fortnightly, monthly or at other agreed times after payment of an affordable deposit with full payment to be made by the end of the school year.

4.1 Refund of Levies

As levies and charges form part of the revenue of the school, and their allocation and expenditure are often committed early in the school year, levies and charges will only be refunded in certain circumstances.

A student who withdraws their enrolment during the year may receive a pro-rata refund (full term charges apply) or credit on the General Levy and/or Additional Subject Fees:

- Prior to end of Term 1 Full Refund of \$450
- Prior to end of Term 2 \$337.50 Refunded (one term charged)
- Prior to end of Term 3 \$225 Refunded (two terms charged)
- After Term 3 No Refund

No refunds for Levies/Additional Fees apply after the end of Term 3 2026.

Individual circumstances will be considered, and credits/refunds may be granted by the Principal in exceptional circumstances.

Refunds for Additional Subject Fees are only considered where the student has paid for items that have not yet been purchased by the College or issued to the student. An application must be made to the Administrative Manager via email hellyer.college@decyp.tas.gov.au for all refund requests. Non-refundable deposits apply to some College trips and will be clearly communicated at that time

5 Related Policies

- [Bring Your Own Technology Policy](#)

6 Related Procedures

- [Bring Your Own Technology Procedures](#)
- [School Levies and Charges Procedure \[staff only\]](#)

7 Supporting Information/Tools

- [Accountabilities Toolkit](#)
- [Legal Services Toolkit for Schools, Colleges and CFLCs](#)
- [Levies and Charges – DECYP Web Page](#)
- [Student Financial Assistance Guidelines](#)
- [Schools Best Practice Guideline for Levies, Charges and Student Assistance](#)

8 Definitions

Charges

Parent payments for optional activities that are in addition to the normal educational instruction at the school.

Levies

An annual parent payment that includes incidental costs and expenses incurred in providing normal educational instruction.

Normal educational instruction

Educational instruction that is required to complete any subject or course that students undertake through a Government School. This does not include educational instruction that occurs during optional activities that are not required to complete a subject or course.

Parent

A parent or a legal guardian or anyone with care and control of a child.

Principal

The individual in charge of the day-to-day operation of a school.

School Association

Made up of the parents, staff and approved community members of a school. An Association exists for each Tasmanian Government School, including primary schools, high schools, district schools and colleges.

Student Assistance Scheme (STAS)

A scheme that waives levies for eligible families who hold a current Centrelink Health Care Card, Centrelink Low Income Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

9 Legislation

- [Education Act 2016](#)
- [Secretary's Instruction No 9 for School Levies and Charges](#)

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