

Norwood Primary School 2025 Levy Structure

SCHOOL LEVIES

Levies are one of the many ways that families contribute to our school community. Levies support student learning by contributing towards the cost of essential items and services.

When setting school levies and charges the school:

- Considers inclusive education, community expectations and family financial constraints
- Sets levies at the lowest amount possible
- Consults with the School Association of the school

Levies are invoiced at the start of the year or can be paid in full or instalments using a payment plan. Payment plans are available for all families and may continue through to the end of the school year. Families who are supported through the Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) do not need to pay levies. Parents holding a Health Care Card, Low Income Health Care Card, or Pensioner Concession Card are eligible for STAS for their children.

What can be included in Levies and Charges

LEVIES	CHARGES
<p>Levies include costs for items and services that are required to complete the normal educational instruction at the school. Levies include the cost of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Any items which are essential to completing the student's core curriculum</u> (e.g. essential stationery, textbooks, cooking ingredients, gardening supplies). • <u>Any services like excursions, performances and activities that are part of the curriculum</u> (e.g. out-of-school excursions taken as part of a subject, in-school performances, guest speakers, class, year-level, and subject-specific camps). <p>There are no compulsory payments you are required to make other than the annual levy.</p> <p>Stationery costs include a stationery pack that students receive at the start of the school year.</p>	<p>Charges are payments made to the school for items or services that are optional. Charges may apply for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Optional activities</u> (e.g. school band program) • <u>Optional items</u> (e.g. yearbook, school photos) • <u>More expensive items/materials than the standard materials provided</u> (e.g. hardwood instead of pine in woodwork)



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Year Level	Levy Amount
Kindergarten	\$160
Prep - Year 2	\$220
Year 3 - 4	\$250
Year 5	\$280
Year 6	\$250

Other Charges

The school may make other charges for students, including those eligible for student assistance. These cover items outside of the standard educational program. These items and charges are optional.

- Additional charges are applied for some activities where it would be inequitable, unfair or unreasonable to require all parents/students to contribute towards an activity with a particularly high cost in proportion to overall levies
- The participation in these activities is optional
- For example:
 - School Photos
 - External sporting carnivals/competitions
 - Dance Fever T-shirts - 5-6 only
 - Leavers T-Shirts - Year 6 only
 - End of Year Celebration Dinner - Year 6 only

Excursions and Performances

There are no extra costs for excursions unless they are optional. Parents will be required to sign a permission form for minor and major excursions for the year. Class teachers will send home notices for any excursion.

- Activities which are included in school levies and charges
 - Excursions
 - Performances
 - 5 - 6 Sport
 - Swimming and Water Safety Program

How do I pay Levies and Charges

Levies can be paid:

- At the school (by EFTPOS, cash or cheque)
- At Service Tasmania (by EFTPOS, cash or cheque)
- Through BPAY (using the Biller Code and Reference on your invoice)
- By mail, forward your cheque, money order or credit card details to the school, with the payment slip from your invoice attached (payable to the Department of Education)
- Using Centrepay, a service provided by Centrelink.

You can choose to pay your levies by instalment by contacting the school to set up a payment plan of regular instalments. Payment plans can continue through to the end of the school year.

Student Assistance Scheme (STAS)

The Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) provides assistance to low income families towards the cost of levies for students enrolled in a school from kindergarten through to year 12.

STAS is provided through school and college resourcing rather than payment direct to families. Parents who have a current concession card as listed below can apply for dependent students for assistance under the STAS:

- Services Australia Health Care Card
- Services Australia Low Income Health Care Card
- Services Australia Pensioner Concession Card or
- Department of Veteran Affairs Pensioner Concession Card.

Online applications can be made by using this [STAS form](#). If you need access to a hard copy form, please contact your school, email: stas@decyp.tas.gov.au or phone 1800 827 055.

You will receive a letter confirming the outcome of your application approximately 14 days after it is submitted.

Please note: if you are already receiving assistance, you don't need to apply again. If you wish to add a student to an approved STAS application please email your name and the student's full details to stas@education.tas.gov.au.

Reimbursement of Levies

As levies form part of the consolidated revenue of the school and their allocation and expenditure is often committed in the school year, it is the policy of this school that levies will not be refunded.

Students enrolled during the school year

Parents/guardians will not be required to pay levies (either in part or in full) should they enrol in a school part-way through a year if they already paid levies in full to a previous Tasmanian State School for that year. If an agreement to pay by instalment has been entered, parents/guardians are expected to renegotiate an agreement to pay the balance owing to the previous school, with the new school.

Uniform sales

School levies do not cover uniforms. Norwood Primary School uniforms are sold from Midford's Schoolwear located at 132 Charles Street, Launceston.