



Government
of South Australia

Hon Blair Boyer MP
Member for Wright

Dear parent/caregiver

For the second year, South Australian families with children attending public schools will receive a \$100 discount per student on their annual materials and services charge, delivering the government's two-year commitment made at the 2022 state election.

Approaching the start of the school year, we know cost-of-living pressures are being felt by many families and we hope this discount will provide some relief.

Unlike last year, you don't need to do anything to claim the \$100 discount. It will automatically be issued by your school.

The discount does not apply to families approved for school card as they are not required to pay the materials and services charge.

School card applications are now open for 2023. Income limits, based on the number of dependent children in your family, have been increased by 6.4% this year. With this increase, some families who were not previously eligible may now qualify. Information on school card eligibility, income limits and the application process can be found at: sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty and require assistance paying the discounted materials and services charge, we encourage you to speak to your school as soon as possible. Support is available to those who need it, including the option of paying the charge by instalments.

As a compassionate response to the ongoing nature of the conflict in the Ukraine, Ukraine nationals arriving in Australia will continue to receive fee-free education in 2023 in South Australian public schools. Support will also continue to be provided to Afghan evacuees.

Wishing you and your child/ren a happy and productive start to term 1.

Yours sincerely

Hon Blair Boyer MP
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