Money for student assistance is now allocated via the new Resource Allocation Model (RAM). This is a needs-based funding model that is used to distribute resources to all NSW public schools.

There are many components of RAM, one being an equity loading for low socio-economic background. This is calculated by the DEC using the Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI) which is drawn from the data listed on student enrolment forms.

This money is to be used to assist students in need in meeting educational outcomes. A small amount of our funds is therefore allocated to the Student Assistance Scheme with the remainder being used to support students in other initiatives across the school. This money may be used to cover:

- Subject fees
- School camps

Due to the limited nature of these funds the school requires families to contribute towards payment of school expenses. As such families are asked to make small regular payments towards ongoing costs.

Eligibility conditions on the provision of funds are determined by the Student Assistance (SAS) Team appointed by the Principal when required, which comprises the Principal, Deputy Principal and Head Teacher Welfare. This team considers applications in confidence and assesses the merits of each application on the basis of established criteria. Its decision is final.

Any student eligible for Youth Allowance (full time students aged 16-24) will generally not be assisted as payments from Youth Allowance may be used for the same purpose as the SAS.

In a number of situations, should the application be successful, funds may be simply transferred within the school accounts to pay for the need.

Process of application:

1. Complete the form below – both pages
2. The deputy principal will contact you to discuss application
3. Families to make regular payments throughout the year
4. At the end of the year the school review the application
Please complete the following application. You can be confident that the information you provide will remain confidential.

Date___________
Student’s Name______________________ Year Group ____________

Parent/Guardian’s Name__________________________________________
Address__________________________________________________________________________________________
Suburb________________________________ Post Code__________
Phone Mobile_______________________ Home_____________________

Gross Family Income $_______________________ per week/fortnight/month/year

Pension Card No. __________________________ Social Security No.______________________________

Reason for requesting for assistance:
_________________________________________________________________________________________
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My son / daughter is 16 years of age or over YES/NO
My son / daughter is in receipt of Austudy Assistance YES/NO
If answer above is NO, I will be applying for Austudy Assistance YES/NO

Note: Subject to a means test, a student 16 years of age or over, may be eligible for Austudy Financial Assistance form the Federal Government. Please answer the following questions
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