

At Pimpama State Secondary College 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 at school or 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 Pimpama State Secondary College 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 educational service purchased from a provider other than the school where the provider charges the school; and
- A specialised education 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.**

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 the Request for Refund form available from the school office and provide a medical certificate. Refunds won't be paid immediately but will be paid after the reconciliation of the activity.

Transportation costs are non-refundable for any activity or excursion conducted by this college.

Department of Education and Training policy references:

Education (General Provisions) Act 2006
SCM-PR-002: School Excursions
FNM-PR-019: State Education Fees