Student Assistance Policy
Maroubra Junction Public School

RATIONAL
Financial assistance is available to ensure all students have access to the same events, uniforms and stationery.
The Student Assistance Scheme (SAS) is a limited annual allotment of funds, provided to support students attending New South Wales government schools. The scheme enables financial assistance to be provided to eligible families for school related expenses.

GUIDELINES
A small amount of student assistance funding is made available to the school by the NSW Department of Education and Communities to support students in need. Generally the school will provide part funding for activities to assist parents.

Where student assistance is required the matter can be discussed with the Principal, Deputy Principal or School Counsellor who can be contacted on 9349 8333.

General Student Assistance
Students each year are asked to contribute to a variety of expenses relating to their education. These expenses include, but are not limited to, such things as:

- school uniform
- workbooks
- school incursions / excursions or related costs

- school camps
- subject specific costs
- stationery needs.

If families are experiencing difficulty in funding these activities, parents are asked to seek assistance from the school. Families should contact the school and speak to the Deputy Principal or Principal in seeking assistance.

Maroubra Junction Public School does not wish any student to be disadvantaged from attending excursions or camps, being in proper school uniform or having appropriate workbooks. Confidential discussions with the Deputy Principal or Principal are encouraged to ensure equity of our core programs.
Student Representative Assistance

From time to time, students excel at their chosen activity and have an opportunity to represent our school and public education at large events.

When students represent the school at national or international events, parents are able to claim the cost of the associated levy (up to a maximum of $100 per child). Students must be representing NSW or Australia at an event supported through public education. Examples of this include representing NSW at national athletic, swimming or other sporting events.

Some sports or creative endeavours are more difficult to ascertain the level of representation. For these events, the Principal has discretion to allocate the $100 subsidy.

Parents are asked to make an appointment with the Deputy Principal or Principal to determine eligibility. They should then send the supporting documentation into the school office within an appropriate period of time to allow the subsidy to be paid. In most cases the subsidy will be paid directly to the school or organisation organising the event.

This policy was endorsed by the Maroubra Junction School Council on 28th July 2014.