

REPRESENTATIVE SCHOOL SPORT EXPENSES TO STUDENTS

The following information briefly outlines the cost to parents for their children to participate in representative school sport events and the financial support given by individual schools and the CSO at each level.

Students participate as a representative of their school with the permission of the principal at all levels of the competitive pathway. A principal has the right to refuse permission for a student to participate.

At the cluster level as a school representative: each cluster makes its own arrangements to cover costs either by an annual levy to the cluster sports council or an individual player entry fee for each event – **students do not usually pay to participate at this level (some Central Coast schools may ask their students to pay an entry fee at this level it is approx. \$2 per student).**

At the Broken Bay level as a school/cluster representative– **students don't pay anything to participate in swimming athletics and cross country–** the school annual levy pays for venue hire, event specific officials and first aid personnel, ribbons and medals and other sundry expenses incurred in the running of the event.

For Broken Bay team **trials (basketball, tennis, softball, cricket, AFL, rugby union, rugby league, soccer, hockey, netball and touch)** participating students pay an entry fee of \$10 that contributes to the running costs of these events. This fee was introduced in 2017. It is collected by the school and then transferred to the Diocesan Sports Account. Approximately 500 students participate in these trials.

At the Polding level as a Broken Bay representative – **students of systemic schools don't pay anything to participate-** they are given a swimming cap and provided with their team shirt (borrowed) for all other events.

Players may purchase 'souvenir' Broken Bay uniform items at this stage. Payments for such items are made to the child's school and then transferred by EFT to the Diocesan Sport Account.

Uniform order forms are emailed to the Diocesan Primary Sport Coordinator to be processed for the particular event.

The Diocesan Sports Council pays the Polding entry fee with funds from an annual notional contribution from the CSO to representative school sport (currently \$25 per student) that contributes to the costs of the running of these carnivals and contributes to the expenses associated with team manager accommodation, meals and travel.

Students enrolled in Independent schools need to enquire with their school as to whether the school will pay this on their behalf. St Augustine's usually pays this for its students. The annual school levy also contributes partly toward the cost of these expenses.

This level usually involves about 500 Broken Bay students annually from 16 different sports.

At the state carnival level as a representative of Polding - parents are required to pay for any compulsory uniform items for their child. They are also required to pay a levy that contributes to the costs involved with staging the carnival and reimbursing managers for travel, accommodation and meals (in the case of team sports these are 3 or 4 day events). These costs are also met in part by school levies paid to NSW Catholic Primary Schools Sports Council. This usually involves about 100 Broken Bay students annually. Payment is made directly to NSW CPS (also known as CSSS)

Each school is encouraged to consider giving some financial support to families at the level where students represent Polding at a NSWPSA State Carnival, dependant on the individual circumstances. Some schools have several students participate at this level each year and others rarely have any representatives. This is the level that is most 'user pays' and so has expenses for parents associated with purchase of compulsory uniform and carnival levy.

At the national level as a representative of NSWPSA – parents are required to pay a levy that includes compulsory uniform, player travel expenses (usually by air) and a contribution toward the expenses incurred in staging the event (these are usually 4 day carnivals). Students receive raffle tickets to the value of the levy that they may sell to assist in raising the necessary funds. The cost is significant being between \$400 and \$1500 depending on the location. The Broken Bay Primary Schools Sports Council makes a contribution toward this cost for students enrolled in systemic schools (this is supported by a contribution from the CSO of approx. \$3,000). This usually involves about 10 Broken Bay students annually.

Schools are encouraged to assist students with their fundraising.