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# Spending fact sheet

## Supported costs

Sporting Schools has partnered with more than 40 national sporting organisations (NSOs) and national sporting organisations for people with disability (NSODs). Partner sports vary between the primary and secondary school grant programs.

Primary school grants can be spent on partner sport programs for students in Years P-6, and secondary school grants can be spent on partner sport programs for students in Years 7-8 only.

Once you have booked your Sporting Schools program through the school portal (coach or teacher delivered) and had it confirmed, funding can be used for the following supported costs.

Note: The examples below are not exhaustive and should be considered in conjunction with the unsupported costs. If you require clarification, please contact Sporting Schools.

### When can the funding be spent?

- Funding can only be spent during the approved funding period (school term) as specified in your successful grant application.
- Funding can only be spent if you will be delivering a coach or teacher-delivered Sporting Schools program free of charge to students in the term funded, as per the [program parameters](#).

### Delivery

- Payment to partner sports or nominated providers and coaches for delivery of sport-specific programs of an approved sport, as listed on the [Sporting Schools website](#) (noting sports vary for primary and secondary schools).
- Payments to nominated teachers for delivery of teacher-delivered sport packages outside their normal paid work hours. e.g. full-time teachers (before or after school), part-time teachers when not regularly employed (before/during/after school).
- Payment to partner sports or nominated providers and coaches for travel costs to deliver programs.

### Equipment

A maximum of \$1,650 inc. GST of each grant can be spent on supported equipment.

- Essential equipment required to deliver the sport package and/or equipment required to deliver an introductory [partner sport](#) program.

- Modified or adapted equipment to assist program delivery for students with disability.
- Freight/delivery costs for the purchase of supported equipment (in addition to \$1,650 inc. GST equipment cap).

### Supervision

- Payment to a school staff member for supervision before or after school.
- Payment to a school staff member for additional supervision required to meet program ratios e.g. students with disability, swimming, surfing, sailing.
- Payment for a relief teacher to release a teacher employed at the school to deliver a teacher-delivered sport package during school hours.

Note: You may be required to provide evidence to show teacher supervision e.g. timesheet or payslip.

### Transport

- Required costs to transport students to and from facilities to deliver a partner sport program.

### Facilities

- Hire of a sport facility outside the school property for delivery of a partner sport program, such as pool hire, entry costs, venue hire.
- Replacement of basketball backboard/ring, sand replacement for long jump pit, replacement nets for permanent structures (basketball, netball, tennis, volleyball, badminton, goals), court/field line marking required for program delivery.



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## Supported costs (cont.)

### Program administration

Compensation of up to \$200 inc. GST of administration expenses can be claimed without evidence of expenditure. If claiming above \$200 inc. GST, evidence of expenses incurred by the school must be provided.

- Phone calls, photocopying, printing, and permission notes required for program delivery.
- Compensation for time spent completing administrative requirements, including grant acquittals, and coordinating delivery of the program.

### Sport related professional development

- Sport-specific training required by an NSO partner to enable delivery of a sport package by teaching staff (employee of the school that has a valid teacher registration).
- Payment for a relief teacher for up to four hours to release a primary school teacher employed at the school to complete the ASC PE – Essential skills for primary teachers course during the funded term.

### Other - Play Well initiatives

- Payment to NSO-affiliated local sporting club (up to \$200 inc. GST) for a club representative to attend the school after a program has been delivered to promote opportunities for the continuation of the sport outside of school.
- Sporting Schools book packs for primary school libraries to promote the culture of sport in schools (up to \$550 inc. GST) – only supported under primary/special primary school grants.
- Payment for athletes and/or motivational speakers from Sporting Schools partner sports, Olympic or Paralympic sports to attend the school to promote the participation in sport (up to \$1,100 inc. GST).

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## Unsupported costs

Note: The examples below are not exhaustive. If you require clarification, please contact Sporting Schools

### When can't the funding be spent?

- Funding cannot be used for expenses incurred prior to receipt of approval or outside the approved funding period (school term) e.g. rollover of funds.
- Funding cannot be spent unless a Sporting Schools coach or teacher-delivered program has been booked through the school portal and is being delivered during the approved funding period (e.g. schools cannot spend funding on equipment only).

### Delivery

- Payment for delivery of non-partner sports e.g. dance, martial arts (excluding judo, karate and taekwondo), Oztag, circus skills, yoga, pilates, cheer, archery, dodgeball, crossnet, speedminton, spikeball/roundnet, pickleball, disc/frisbee golf, or street hockey. Approved sports can be found on our [Sports page](#).
- Payment for delivery of boot camps, personal trainers, fitness, fundamental movement, multi-sport, or wellbeing programs.
- Payment to teachers or providers for delivery of regular PE or sport programming.
- Payments to teachers for delivery of teacher-delivered sport packages during their normal paid work hours.
- Payments to students, parents or learning support officers for delivery of teacher-delivered sport packages.
- Programs delivered during weekends, school holidays or delivered into the following term/s.
- Any expenses in relation to participation in school carnivals, interschool or representative sport, including registration, training, transport and entry fees for competitions, or gala days.
- Membership fees for gyms, leisure centres, swimming pools or sporting clubs.
- Expenses associated with athlete development and/or testing. e.g. academies, elite and/or high-performance sessions/camps.

### Equipment

- Expenditure over \$1,650 inc. GST on supported equipment required to deliver the nominated sport package and/or partner sport
- Equipment not required to deliver the nominated sport package and/or partner sport (see delivery section for examples of non-partner sports).
- Uniforms and apparel including any expense for school logos/customisation e.g. polo shirts, singlets, shorts, jackets, jumpers, jerseys, tracksuits, bags.
- Customised equipment with school branding e.g. custom printed post pads.
- Expenses associated with meeting the duty of care or work, health and safety requirements including: first aid kits, first aid duty officer, sunscreen, bubblers, bottled water, drink bottles, bottle carriers, gazebos, shade shelters, rescue equipment, throw bags.
- Prizes or incentives for participation e.g. trophies, ribbons, medals.
- Scoreboards and coaching boards - all types including digital scoreboards with timers.
- Electronic devices and accessories e.g. speaker (PA) systems, Bluetooth/portable speakers, cameras, iPads/tablets, music/CD players, fitness watches/trackers, GPS devices, e-bikes, tennis/table tennis ball machines, bowling machines, multifunctional timers/stopwatches with printers, walkie talkies, chargers, batteries, power tools.
- Electronic games or fitness machines e.g. air hockey, treadmills, exercise bikes, Wii.
- Hire of school owned equipment for delivery of programs.
- Expenses for personal items for individual and/or single use e.g. mouth guards, socks, shoes, swimmers, rash vests, wetsuits, hair nets.
- Equipment for tackling activities e.g., tackle bags/ pads/mats/rings, hit shields.

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## Unsupported costs (cont.)

### Equipment (cont.)

- Fitness equipment e.g. weights, bench presses, dumbbells, boxing bags, boxing gloves, resistance bands, gym wear, plyometric boxes.
- Equipment related to carnivals/gala days e.g. starter guns, air horns, megaphones, starter blocks, bunting, signs, pitch respect barriers, podiums.
- Playground and novelty equipment e.g. climbing frames, 9 square frames, parachutes, scooter boards, scooters, tug-of-war ropes, jumping sacks, egg and spoons, 3-legged bands.

### Supervision

- Payments to a school staff member for supervision during the school day (active supervision should already be provided to students when at school).
- Payments to a school staff member for supervision during their normal paid work hours.

### Facilities

- Hire of school property for delivery of programs.
- Hire of sport facilities for delivery outside of the program e.g. interschool sport, sports carnivals, gala days.
- Purchase or installation of permanent structures e.g. goal posts, basketball towers, sheds, shelving, shipping containers, cricket pitch and nets, bike racks, long jump pit (including covers).
- Maintenance of existing school infrastructure that is required as part of regular school operations or to meet the school's WHS and public liability requirements e.g. regular maintenance, mowing, cleaning, painting, court/field repairs, shade sails, fences, water bubblers, pool chemicals/blankets, garden tools.

### Transport

- Travel to interschool or school sport representative competitions, carnivals, gala days, or events that are not part of the program.
- Car/bus repairs, trailer maintenance, vehicle bike racks.
- Hire of school owned vehicles.

### Program administration

- Payments towards regular wages of a school staff member for performing administration tasks during their normal paid work hours.
- Catering and food e.g. afternoon teas, lunches, snacks.
- Working with Children clearances or mandatory training e.g. RAN-EC, Child Safe Environments.
- Purchase of gift cards e.g. Coles Myer, VISA prepaid.

### Sport related professional development

- Sport-specific training not required by an [NSO partner sport](#) for teachers to deliver a sport package.
- First aid training and accreditation.
- Non-sport related conferences or training.
- Any training or professional development for non-teaching staff or students



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