

The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Disability Services

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ACTIVE KIDS GUIDELINES LAUNCHED

Parents of school children across New South Wales are encouraged to take advantage of the \$100 'Active Kids' rebate for sporting and fitness related costs launching early next year.

Ray Williams MP, Member for Castle Hill welcomed the release of the 'Active Kids' Rebate Guidelines explaining how families can take advantage of the rebate from January 31 next year.

"This rebate addresses once of the most important issues across our local community—easing the cost of living for families," MR Williams said.

"We know how household costs can add up and want to ease the pressure on families where we can, so we are encouraging parents take advantage of this rebate and enrol their children in their preferred sport.

"These activities could include traditional sport such as netball, football or cricket; as well as other fitness or physical activities such as swimming classes or dance."

Minister for Sport Stuart Ayres said from 31 January 2018 parents will be able to claim up to \$100 per school enrolled child per calendar year as a voucher to reduce the cost of eligible sport and fitness activities.

"Every dollar counts in the household budget counts, and this \$100 will reduce a barrier that stops kids from playing more sport," Mr Ayres said.

"Through Active Kids, we want to make sport more affordable and continue our target of reducing childhood obesity rates by five per cent over 10 years."

The rebate is not means tested so every family has access to this initiative. Parents will be able to register for the voucher online from 31 January 2018 or through their local Service NSW Centre.

Guidelines are available to view at www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids.

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