

Back to School Costs

Where to get help

SCHOOLS & ATTENDANCE SERVICES



Schools are required to take all reasonable steps to ensure students attend school. There are a range of expenses that parents, caregivers, and whānau do not have to pay. See the list of expenses [here](#).

[Attendance Services](#) work with students and schools to support attendance, reduce absences and reduce the time taken to return to school.

Together, schools and the Attendance Services work with the Ministry of Education to support whānau to keep tamariki and rangatahi in education.

Speak to your school about how they can help.

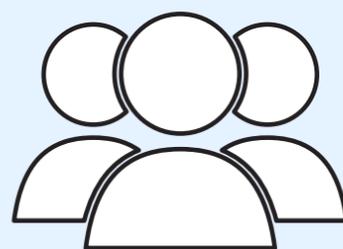
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (MSD)

Work and Income may be able to help you pay for school uniforms, stationery, and childcare costs if you're on a low income or receiving a benefit.

You will need to pay this money back and Work and Income will work with you on a repayment plan.

If you need help with [childcare](#) costs, such as before or after school care, we may be able to help you.

[Apply online](#) or call 0800 559 009 to speak to someone.



COMMUNITY CONNECTORS



Community Connectors provide short-term support to people and whānau. This support can include advocating and helping people access a range of services and support across welfare, social, mental health services and employment.

Community Connectors ensure that New Zealanders who are not accessing government support and services receive holistic support in a trusted setting.

You can read the full list of Community Connectors and find your local Connector [here](#).