

Friday, 1st November 2019

Re: Fee for use of school facilities

An increasing number of service providers seek to provide therapy services to students at school during school hours. To enable this to occur we continue to streamline our model of service provision. Our aim is to ensure that education and therapy coexist to improve student access to and participation in education and achievement of their learning goals, in line with our school improvement priorities of Communication, Reading & Writing and Social Development.

Our model of service provision enables therapists to pre-book appointment times and negotiate spaces within which to work with students. Most of our units have one allocated day per week during which therapists and school staff have opportunities to work together to improve learning outcomes for identified students. Disruptions to students' therapy sessions and learning programs are minimised, with teachers being able to plan lessons, off-site programs and whole-unit events around known therapy days and times. Therapists work with students in classrooms, common areas and school yards and have access to staff facilities while on site. Our model complies with the Department for Education's *Procedure for Non-DE Service Providers in Preschools, Schools and Educational Programs*.

During 2019 we have seen a substantial increase in the number and frequency of therapists using our school facilities. As a result, we have decided to trial a fee for use of school facilities during 2020.

Each service organisation will be asked to enter a Community Use of School Facilities Agreement with ANSS. This agreement will commence at the start of 2020 and will include service organisations paying a fee of \$10 (not for profit rate) or \$12 (for profit rate) plus GST (if applicable) per therapist per hour or part thereof for time on site. Service organisations will be invoiced at the end of each school term, payable within 14 days.

Yours faithfully



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