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CASTLE HILL FAMILIES SET TO BENEFIT FROM ACTIVE KIDS REBATE

Thousands of school children across Castle Hill will benefit from a new \$100 rebate for sporting and fitness related costs announced as part of today's budget.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams said a key initiative from the 2017-2018 Budget will ensure every family with school aged children will be eligible for the 'Active Kids Rebate' with \$207 million allocated across four years.

"Our Active Kids Rebate will put \$100 per school aged child back in the pocket of every parent to help cover the cost of getting their kids into sport Castle Hill.

"Thanks to the Government's strong economic and financial management, and its successful reform agenda, we're now able to make sport more accessible and reduce barriers to healthy activity," Mr Williams said.

"The Active Kids Rebate will mean savings for thousands of household budgets across Castle Hill and ensure school aged children can attend team sports as well as recreational programs such as swimming."

Minister for Sport Stuart Ayres said families will be able to claim up to \$100 per school child, per calendar year from 1 January 2018 for after-school, weekend and school holiday sport and active recreation activities.

This initiative which aims to reduce cost of living pressures for families and supports the Premier's priority to reduce overweight and obesity rates of children by five per cent over 10 years.

Regardless if your active child plays sport such as netball, football or basketball; swimming classes or lessons or gymnastics or athletics; this is a huge boost to families in the local area.

Parents will be able to register online and can take a sports voucher to a registered sports club or provider to receive their rebate.

More details on the NSW Office of Sport website <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/>.

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