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SCHOOL'S BACK! KEEP YOUR RECEIPTS TO BENEFIT FROM THE EDUCATION TAX REFUND

With school heading back from next week, Member for Chisholm, Anna Burke MP, is reminding parents with kids at school to keep their receipts for education expenses, with thousands of local families eligible for assistance from the Federal Government's Education Tax Refund.

New figures show that, in the 2009/2010 financial year, 5,030 claims for the Education Tax Refund were made in the electorate of Chisholm, meaning that, in the 2009/2010 financial year families in Chisholm received a total of \$3,322,400 in assistance for school expenses.

"Every bit counts when you're faced with the prospect of all those expenses associated with getting the kids ready for the new school year", Ms Burke said.

"On top of the regular items, such as computers, home internet connections, textbooks and stationery, parents at tax time in 2012 will also be able to claim school-approved uniforms, including hats, footwear and sports uniforms purchased", Ms Burke said.

Ms Burke said that the inclusion of school uniforms as part of the Education Tax Refund is a big win for local families.

"This refund provides parents with refunds of up to \$409 per primary school student and \$818 per secondary school student available at tax time in 2012 if they are eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part A," Ms Burke said.

"Parents deserve a helping hand in giving their kids the best possible start in life, and I encourage all parents of school-aged children to keep their receipts for school-related expenses in a safe place", Ms Burke said.

To find out if you are eligible for the Education Tax Refund and what expenses can be claimed visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au.

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