

Over the last four months of 2023 we dedicated significant time to communicating with and supporting parents and caregivers who had outstanding debt. The focus of our communication was to assist parents to get payment plans in place, and/or to apply for We Got You Girl Funding. As a result of this work, outstanding debt has significantly reduced, while those on payment plans has increased.

Unfortunately, there are still a few parents and caregivers who have chosen not to engage with us and from term one they will be impacted by our Policy on Debt Management which requires girls be stood down if fees remain unpaid for two terms or more. This means that parents and caregivers with overdue debt and no payment plan in place will be contacted and advised their girls will not be able to return for term 1.

Please note, if girls in your unit are going to be affected by this policy we will contact you to let you know. We appreciate this will be challenging for all involved, however, we cannot continue let girls participate and individual family debt continue to rise. If you are able to encourage any of these families to set up a payment plan for as little as \$5 per week, that's all we need to see that an effort is being made. For further information please feel free to email ogminvoices@ggnz.org.nz, we know things are challenging out there, and we are here to help in any way we can.