



Fee Policy

Tuition Fees

1. Tuition fees supplement the money that we receive from the State and Commonwealth Governments. These fees are all inclusive and provide for all the education costs in meeting the child's tuition for the year. The fee covers stationery, amenities, local excursions, swimming lessons and performances. It does not include camps and major excursions.

2. Concession rates are determined by the School Council to meet specific needs as follows:

a. Siblings

A discount rate applies for each subsequent child in a family in attendance at the same time. The rate is detailed in the current year's Fee Schedule.

b. Hardship Subsidies

As a Christian school, we have had a long standing policy that no child will be denied a Christian Education due to hardship. An indeterminate number of subsidies based on financial need can be allocated annually. Parents/guardians wishing to have their fees subsidised in any year are required to have a personal interview with the Bursar or Principal. Criteria will be based on unexpected and unforeseen hardship, job loss or any other temporary hardship. If a family already receive school card and a hardship subsidy but cannot afford the reduced fee, steps will need to be taken to ascertain the eligibility for a further subsidy. All school families, regardless of School Card eligibility are entitled to apply.

c. School Card Students

The School Card Scheme is administered by the Department of Education and provides financial assistance towards the cost of educational expenses for full time school students of low income families. This benefit, outlined in the current year's Fee Schedule, will be deducted from the appropriate tuition fee. School card eligible families automatically receive a hardship rebate.

Accounts are sent out in the early part of each term and are payable 4 weeks later. Payment is also accepted in fortnightly, monthly or yearly amounts.

5. Payment options are by cash, cheque, credit card and direct debit. Parents are encouraged to speak to the Bursar or Principal if they are having difficulty in paying.

6. The School Council reserves the right to terminate the schooling of a student whose fees are in arrears. However, such a termination will normally take place after negotiations for arrangements to pay have broken down, or where there is no cooperation from parents in respect to the payment of the outstanding debt.

Payment of arrears shall be at least on a monthly basis. In cases where reminder notices are persistently ignored and no arrangements to meet the arrears are entered into, legal action may be taken to recover the amount outstanding.

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Most of our income for running the school comes from the Federal and State Governments. This is allocated to us on the basis of a certain amount per student. This money does not come directly to us but through the Lutheran Schools Association. While this government assistance is quite substantial, it does not cover operating costs. Therefore it is necessary for us via school tuition fees to raise other income.

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At the beginning of the year, parents are asked to indicate how they wish to pay this fee: yearly, half-yearly, term, month or fortnight.

Building Fund levy

A voluntary building fund levy of \$100/family/year has been introduced to help maintain and improve our school's facilities. This is voluntary, and is also tax deductible.

Cleaning Fee

A yearly cleaning fee of \$140 will be charged. However, a remission of this fee will be granted to families who attend the Spring Cleaning held the week prior to the school year starting as well as including themselves on the cleaning roster throughout the year. The total commitment in time is expected to be about 8 hours; approximately 1.5 hours per term on the cleaning roster and 2 hours at the Spring Cleaning. Please indicate to the administration staff at the end of the year if you wish to be included in the cleaning roster for the following year.

Working Bees, Fundraising and Volunteers

Compared to other similar educational institutions our fees are low. An offshoot of low fees is the need to fundraise, hold working bees and ask for volunteer assistance. When enrolling your children at Waikerie Lutheran Primary School you may be asked to assist in fundraising, working bees and at other school functions.