

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The Education Act 1999 requires schools to notify parents of all contributions and charges prior to the start of the school year. These costs are divided into four areas: Voluntary School Contributions, Charges and Personal Use Items and Extra Cost Options and these have been endorsed by the School Board of Lakelands Primary School.

1. Voluntary School Contributions - A voluntary school contribution towards the cost of items used in the educational program provided for your child.
2. Charges for extra cost optional items - these are estimated amount for non-compulsory activities, which require payment as a condition of participation by students.
3. Personal Use Items - required for use in the educational program e.g. stationery items.
4. Extra Cost Options - available to students if families wish to participate.

1. Voluntary School Contributions

The total amount of Voluntary School Contributions parents and carers are being asked to pay is **\$60.00 per student**. This equates to approximately \$1.50 per week. While Contributions are voluntary, the quality of our teaching and learning program will be maximised when each family contributes to the cost of supplementing funding gained from other sources, including the State and Commonwealth governments. The contribution will be used to support programs in a number of learning areas. As an incentive, parents will receive a 10% discount (\$6.00) if the contribution is paid before the end of Term 1. These areas and costs involved are outlined below:

- Information Resource Centre – books/resources
- Literacy resources (eg. supplementary reading books)
- Mathematics and Science resources
- Physical Education resources
- Information Technology resources
- Performing and Visual Arts materials

2. Charges

This amount can vary from year to year and from class to class. A breakdown of estimated **charges** for your child's participation in excursions/in-school activities etc for 2015 has been outlined below. The amounts indicated represent the **maximum** charged for scheduled activities in 2015. **Students can only participate if they have parental permission and have paid the charge.** This amount could cover the following activities: *Visiting performers, in-school activities, excursions, etc*

We recommend this payment is made upfront at the beginning of the year or through West Schools Supplies Personal Use Items List.

Curriculum Related Activities	Kindy	P/P	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Activity Charges – Excursions/In School Activities/Special Events	\$25	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70
Swimming Lessons		\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
Interschool Competitions/Transport			\$15	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$35	\$35
Camp/Senior leadership activities								\$350
Speech Screening	\$30							

3. Personal Use Items.

The cost for these items will vary from student to student. This list covers items of a personal nature, i.e. pens/pencils/scrapbooks, etc. Parents may purchase these items from their chosen retailer or use the nominated school supplier **West Schools Supplies**. The school receives a small commission from the supplier for each order received. If you wish your order to be processed by **West School Supplies**, please complete the Personal Use Items List (this will be mailed to your address).

Kindy	P/P	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
\$64.35	\$85.15	\$107.25	\$121.45	\$114.25	\$106.05	\$118.30	\$118.30

4. Extra Cost Options

This covers other school activities that are generally of a non-curriculum nature. These vary from student to student and costs will be advised at the time of the activity/event. They include but are not limited to Scholastic Book Club, School Uniform, School Photographs.

Extra Cost (Optional Components)	Kindy	P/P	Yr 1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Year 6 Graduation Shirt								\$40
Year 6 Graduation Dinner/Excursion								\$50
Interschool Shirt			\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40
School of Instrumental Music Students only – Instrumental Hire 1 st year							\$130	\$130
School Photos	← \$25-\$75 →							

TOTAL ANTICIPATED COST FOR YEAR

	Kindy	P/P	Yr 1	Yr2	Yr 3	Yr4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Voluntary contributions	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
Charges	\$55	\$130	\$145	\$145	\$150	\$155	\$165	\$515
Personal Use items	\$64.35	\$85.15	\$107.25	\$121.45	\$114.25	\$106.05	\$118.30	\$118.30
Extra Cost Options	\$70	\$70	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$240	\$330
TOTAL ANTICIPATED	\$249.35	\$345.15	\$422.25	\$436.45	\$434.25	\$431.05	\$583.30	\$1023.30

Speech Screening

All Kindergarten students will be involved with the Speech and Language profiling program in 2015. Children's Language Profilers will visit the school and complete a profile for each child's Speech and Language skills incorporating Conversational Skills, Semantic organisation, Oral narrative skills, Comprehension skills and Speech articulation. This program is in addition to regular curriculum assessment. It gives the school and parents valuable information which will further guide and develop your child's progress during the most important years of education. This program is heavily subsidised by the school with Parents/Caregivers charged \$30 to help meet the total cost per student.

Fundraising

During the year, the P&C and/or individual classes organise fundraising projects such as Discos, Fun Days and Social events to support the priorities in the school's plan or charities the school supports.

School Refund Policy

School activities e.g. Excursions/in school activity / camps, are undertaken by the school on a self supporting cost basis. If you have paid for an activity and your child is unable to attend, please notify the school as soon as possible. If the school has incurred a cost/s for an activity on behalf of a student, this will be deducted from any refund i.e. bus costs, entrance to zoo, etc

Payment of Voluntary School Contributions and Charges - can be paid at the commencement of the school year at the school office by cash, cheque (payable to Lakelands Primary School), in 2015.

EFTPOS/Credit Card facilities are available for payments **over \$20**. Payment can also be paid into the school bank account directly

BSB	016 745
Bank Account number	1907 56561

using your child's name and activity as the reference.

Other amounts listed need to be **paid to the class teacher/front office** as they arise throughout the school year. Parents will be notified of these events via an activity note, the school website or in the school newsletter.

Should you have an enquiry relating to the Voluntary School Contributions and Charges information please do not hesitate to contact the school on 9584 2601



Jim Bell
Principal
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