



WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL

Warringa Park School Parent Payment Policy

Purpose:

To ensure that parent payment practices are consistent, transparent and ensure that all children have access to the standard curriculum.

Principles:

- **Educational value:** Student learning, aspirations and wellbeing are paramount when schools determine their parent payments practices
- **Access, equity and inclusion:** All students have access to the standard curriculum program and participation of all students to the full school program is facilitated
- **Affordability:** Cost to parents is kept to a minimum and is affordable for most families at the school
- **Engagement and Support:** Early identification and engagement strategies by the school ensure parents are well informed of the payment options and supports available for those experiencing hardship
- **Respect and Confidentiality:** Parents and students experiencing hardship are treated with respect, dignity, sensitivity and without judgement and the identity and personal information of all parents and students are kept confidential in respect to parent payments
- **Transparency and Accountability:** School parent payment practices are well communicated, clear and transparent and their impact on student programs and families are reviewed by school councils

Parent Payment Charges

The fee structure below per year has been approved by School Council and is an amount to reduce the burden of families paying for all excursions and classroom items. *Students who undertake VET courses will be responsible for paying course uniform and/or materials.*

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| Years Prep to 6 | \$150.00 |
| Years 7 – 10 | \$200.00 |
| Years 11 – 12 | \$250.00 |

Examples items that the fees are paying towards:

Items the student takes temporary or permanent possession of; Activities associated with instruction that all students are expected to attend, eg:

- Materials used in classrooms, such as stationary and art materials. This also includes tissues, wipes and sun screen lotions.
- Materials for learning and teaching where the students consume or takes possession of in the finished articles e.g. Art, Food Technology, technology projects/activities
- Transport and entrance to all excursions including swimming programs, and school based performances, visiting artists/performers and events, school sports.

Payment Arrangements and Methods

Options for payment can be made by either BPAY, over the phone using a credit card, cash or EFTPOS

Payment plan can also be undertaken and encouraged to ease the burden.

Consideration to hardship arrangements in respect to payment requests is provided to families experiencing long term hardship or short term crisis on a confidential, case by case basis. All schools have written hardship arrangements that include a proactive approach to providing support for parents experiencing financial difficulty.

All parents are provided the name and contact details of a nominated parent payment contact person at the school who they can discuss payment arrangements with.

Family Support Options

- *CSEF*
- *State Schools Relief*
- *Local community supports*

Monitoring and Review of the Implementation of the Policy

- *Warringa Park School Council will be responsible to monitor the implementation of the policy, identify the factors/measures to be taken into account, such as transparency of processes and engagement with parents, how/when it will be reported back to the school community, and timing and processes of review.*

This policy was last ratified by School Council on....

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