



LEIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ULVERSTONE and BURNIE CAMPUS

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LEIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL – FEE & LEVY INFORMATION SHEET

Leighland Christian School provides a number of fee payment options and policies to ensure Christian education is not outside the reach of families. The structure of our fees provides sibling discounts and parents will only ever pay for three children at school at any one time assisting larger families with over three children at school. The philosophy is that parents who can afford to pay full fees should do so and that the Board will make Christian education affordable to low income families through the Fee Assistance process.

Fee payments can be made using electronic transfer arrangements using Direct Debit or BPAY, however, in an attempt to keep costs minimised, we do not offer Credit Card or EFTPOS facilities. Fee Discounts apply for parents who pay their fees in advance – this can provide up to 5% discount if the entire year is paid before Term 1 commences. If you are a low income family you are encouraged to apply for Fee Assistance so we can ensure fees are affordable for your family. People in full time Christian Ministry or on leave from the mission field can arrange for Fee Assistance automatically under our discount fee structure.

2016 Fees – Reduction in fees and levies

In 2016 the Board have restructured fees to make Primary education more affordable. Fees have been reduced and the table below also shows the sibling discount for families with two or more children attending.

Year Level	Per Year Total	Per Term Total x 4 payments	Per Fortnight Total x 26 payments	Capital Levy per family
Kindergarten	\$1,700	\$450	\$85	\$100
Prep to Grade 2	\$2,500	\$650	\$125	\$100
Primary Grade 3-6	\$4,000	\$1,025	\$200	\$100
Secondary Year 7-10	\$5,080	\$1,295	\$254	\$100
Year 11 & 12	\$5,975	\$1,519	\$299	\$100

Sibling Discounts (for second, third and fourth child in your family)

Children attending Leighland	Two children sibling discount	Three children sibling discount	Four children sibling discount	More than 4 children sibling discount
	50% fee reduction for second child	65% fee reduction for third child	100% fee reduction for the fourth child	100% reduction for fifth child onward

Fee Payment Options:

Direct Debit	Per week, fortnight or month	Deducted from your nominated account
BPAY	Per month or Per Term	Electronic payment you make from your bank to the school
Per Term	Pay in cash or cheque	Four payments per year. Due and payable by the start of each term
Per Year	Pay the whole year in advance	5% discount offered when all fees and levies are paid by the start of the school year
Per Month	Monthly accounts can be arranged	Payment by Direct Bank Transfer or BPAY is preferred
Salary Sacrifice	You can elect for your employer to pay your fees by this method if Salary Sacrificing is possible in your workplace	Deducted from your salary and paid to school by your employer
Other Arrangements	By negotiation with the Business Manger	Various options
Fee Assistance	Agreed after application is completed and processed	Payment is via direct bank transfer only
Fee Debt	The school does use the services of an external debt collection agency	Parents are encouraged to be proactive and speak with the Business Manager before any issues arise

Value for Money School Fees: *Leighland school fees really do offer parents value for money and ensure parents know in advance what the total cost per year is.* School fees are inclusive of all books and stationery and cover most other educational expenses excepting uniform and some year 11 & 12 subjects. This means there are no hidden education costs allowing parents to budget effectively. Family discounts apply for the second and third child and there is no charge for the fourth child onwards. This keeps fees affordable for larger families. The table below gives you an understanding of how other schools view these areas and the indicative value shows what you are being provided. Other schools who do not advertise all the education costs up front will still be collecting additional amounts from parents throughout the year as things occur.

Important - What Our All Inclusive Fee Does Cover in one fee:

Items	Leighland Fee & Levy structure includes nearly all additional costs in the quoted fee	Other schools may charge extra for these activities and collect this in addition to the fee advertised	*Indicative value per yr included in your fees at Leighland
Books	Included in fees at no extra charge	Levy usually added	\$150.00
Stationery & equipment	Included in fees at no extra charge	Levy usually added	\$350.00
School Camps	Included in fees at no extra charge. However may make contribution for food.	Pay fully in addition to fees	\$200.00
School Excursions (day)	Included in fees at no extra charge	Pay fully in addition to fees	\$80.00
*Interstate Excursions	Only partially covered by fees	Pay fully in addition to fees	\$200.00
Learn to swim - Primary	Included in fees at no extra charge	Pay fully in addition to fees	\$75.00
Sports days	Included in fees at no extra charge	Pay contribution	\$30.00
Performances	Included in fees at no extra charge	Pay contribution	\$25.00
Other School Activities	Included in fees at no extra charge	Pay contribution	\$20.00
	MINIMUM TOTAL \$ VALUE	(excluding Interstate excursions)	\$930.00

*Note:

- 1) Indicative amounts shown are not actual and are representative of the costs incurred by the school
- 2) Interstate excursions do not run every year and this figure may vary dependent on where the excursion goes and how long students are away.

Fee Quote: The best way to find out how much fees will be for your family is to contact the Business Manager or Finance Office to arrange a fee quote. Please contact David Grey or Susan Wescombe to arrange an obligation free quote.

Minimal Levy Structure: Leighland Christian School has only a few levies unlike many other schools that levy or charge the parent for every activity.

The levy structure at Leighland includes the following;

1) The Wynyard Bus Levy for families travelling in from Wynyard or Somerset area is set at \$350.00 per year per family to facilitate affordable travel (\$8.75 per school week) to the Burnie campus (Bus provided by the school);

2) In Year 11 & 12 some specialist subject choices attract a \$300.00 levy per subject per year to cover the additional expenses incurred with these specialist subject areas. Details are shown in the Y11 & 12 handbook;

3) VET Levies for VET related subjects are payable for each course in addition to school fees. These levies go toward the cost paid to external organisations to deliver a wide range of vocational courses. The School does subsidise the cost of VET levies so parents are not paying the full levy.

4) There is a Capital Levy applied to each family of \$100.00 per year which is collected specifically to raise funds for future capital improvements.

Fee Assistance: This is an important service provided to low income families. Fee assistance is offered to families who complete the Fee Assistance Process and provide details of their family income and expenses.. Financial assistance is provided to families who are on a low income or who have special circumstances. Fee Assistance is assessed on an individual family basis and the fees payable are based on the outcome of this assessment. This process is strictly confidential and parent information is files securely. The Board provides an annual allocation in the School budget to assist in providing fee assistance. This ensures that eligible families who desire Christian education are not disadvantaged on the basis of not being able to afford full fees. If you are a low income family we will even facilitate time payments for your uniform adding this to your fees and allowing you to pay for uniform by direct bank transfer for an agreed period.

Unpaid Fees Policy: The school has a policy to collect unpaid fees from parents. The school also uses the services of an external debt collection company as required. Additional costs incurred by this process will be passed on to the parent. To avoid unnecessary angst, parents are encouraged to be proactive and to contact the Business Manager before this becomes an issue. Payment plans can be negotiated to prevent the need for external debt collection.