

FEES AND CHARGES 2017

TERMLY FEES AND CHARGES – PER STUDENT

YEAR LEVEL	SCHOOL FEES (TUITION)	COMPULSORY PARENT LEVIES <i>See information below</i>		TOTAL TERMLY FEES AND LEVIES
		Material & Resource Levy	Excursion, Incursions, and Camp Levy	
Prep	935	130	25	\$1,090
Year 1	935	130	35	\$1,100
Year 2	935	130	60	\$1,125
Year 3	935	130	60	\$1,125
Year 4	935	130	130	\$1,195
Year 5	935	130	145	\$1,210
Year 6	935	130	495	\$1,560
Year 7	987	*90	320	\$1,397
Year 8	987	*90	625	\$1,702
Year 9	987	*90	450	\$1,527
Year 10	987	*90	490	\$1,567
Year 11	987	*90	430	\$1,507
Year 12	987	*90	360	\$1,437
Arrowsmith	4,200	125	+ Year fee above	
Capital Levy	A compulsory levy to support the ongoing development of the school's facilities.			\$170 per term, per family
Sibling Discount	A sibling discount of \$125 per term is applied to any younger sibling attending the school.			

MATERIAL, RESOURCE AND EXCURSIONS/INCURSIONS AND CAMP LEVIES

These levies cover the cost for compulsory excursions, incursions, camps, interschool sport and individual resources, student stationery, workbooks, subscriptions, crayons, pencils, pens, art and craft materials that are required for the student's year level learning program. The school pays for these costs upfront on behalf of parents and then spreads the payments for families over the year to help families with budgeting for these costs.

MUSIC PROGRAMS

Year 3 Strings Program

Included in the Year 3 levy is the violin program. Year 3 students require a violin for this. We offer instrument hire for an Annual Fee of **\$100.00**. If required, it will be charged to your school account.

Choir and Orchestra

Students may choose to enrol in the School's instrumental and choir programs. The following are the Annual Fees for these programs. Enrolment is for a full year and includes uniform hire and excursions. If a student withdraws, the full year charge will remain.

Music - Senior and Intermediate Orchestra (<i>Including Uniform Hire</i>)	Annual Fee	\$120.00
Music - Vocal Ensemble (<i>Including Uniform Hire</i>)	Annual Fee	\$130.00
Hummingbird Choir (Year 4-6)	Annual Fee	\$95.00
Junior Choir (Year 1-3)	Annual Fee	\$75.00
Woodwind Program per student	Annual Fee	\$380.00

* PERSONALISED LEARNING - Big Picture Learning and Passion Projects

The School is unable to anticipate costs that relate directly to a student's personalised plan for their Big Picture/Passion projects so these costs are not reflected in the fee schedule above. For this reason, if individual costs do arise in the development of a student's project they are the student's responsibility. The School works to minimise these costs where possible and ensures families are in control of these financial decisions. These costs may include:

- a course or other activity provided by an external supplier
- an external exam or assessment that incurs additional costs
- specialised materials or resources

Transport costs related to Big Picture learning

High school students are responsible for travel to and from their outside of school learning opportunities that relate directly to their Big Picture Learning Program. As the school is not on a designated bus route the school assists students by offering a transport service to the Nerang train station from the school once a day. The Nerang Train station is a major bus transit centre so access to most parts of the Gold Coast/Brisbane area can be achieved from here. This service has a casual fee of \$5 or a termly rate can be offered for those who want to permanently book. Booking for this service can be done through the Teacher or Advisor.

SILKWOOD BUS FEES

INDIVIDUAL DAYS (Northern/Southern Route)	
Permanent bookings, per single trip, per student	\$6.00
Family per single trip (two or more children from the same family)	\$10.00
Casual bookings, per single trip, per student	\$7.50
Nerang service only, per trip, per student (subject to space availability)	\$3.00

Permanent bookings are for whole school term, for students using the bus on a weekly basis. All permanent booking bus fees are **upfront** payments on a term-by-term basis. Casual bookings are for students using the bus on a fortnightly basis or occasional trips, billed weekly to parents. **Bookings are essential and are subject to availability;** preference will be given to students using the service on a permanent weekly basis. Bus booking forms are available from the School Office.

PAYING YOUR SCHOOL FEES

Silkwood offers the following three payment options to assist families to pay their fees.

OPTION 1 A one-off yearly payment	Pay the yearly school fee account within the 1 st week of the school year and receive a \$350 discount per student . <i>Payment options are Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), BPAY or Credit Card</i>
OPTION 2 A one-off termly payment	Pay the full-term fees in the 1 st week of every school term and receive a \$50 discount per student (per term) . <i>Payment options are Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), BPAY or Credit Card.</i>
OPTION 3 A 10-month payment plan	Apply before 30 January to pay in 20 fortnightly direct-debit instalments. Commencing Monday 30 January and concluding 30 October, 2017. <i>This is strictly a direct debit option. Late starters will still be required to have all school fees concluded by the 30 October, 2017. A \$50 late fee will be automatically charged weekly for any payments in arrears.</i>
Having difficulty paying?	If you are having difficulty paying it is important that you communicate with us immediately. Communicating in a timely manner will allow you to access the School's financial assistance options. Note: these options are only available for families in short-term crisis situations and not an option for long term support. Being a small school our support budgets are limited. If you need help please email Baily Fernandez at: finance@silkwood.qld.edu.au .

TERMS OF PAYMENT

- Fees outstanding after the due date, without an approved direct-debit plan, will automatically incur a \$50 late fee for every week payment is outstanding.
- All fees must be up to date for a student to attend camps and excursions.
- Direct-debit plan payments that are not honoured on their due date will automatically incur a \$50 late fee for every week it is in arrears.
- Enrolments are suspended for any accounts that are in arrears of their payment agreements at the end of every term. All fee payments must be finalised by 30 October, 2017.
- A full term's notice, in writing, is required for any changes to your child's attendance. Failure to give a term's notice will result in you being billed for one term's fees in lieu thereof or your Enrolment Bond being forfeited.
- Should a child be expelled or suspended from school the current term's fees remain payable.
- We offer no refund on levies for non-participation except in cases where a family has applied for an exemption and it has been approved. They are considered mandatory school activities so the request for an exemption must be deemed reasonable. If the school has incurred any expenses in relation to the activity prior to the exemption being applied for families will be charged for these.

PLEASE DIRECT ALL ACCOUNT ENQUIRIES TO: schoolfees@silkwood.gld.edu.au
Please note, school fees will increase every year, budget for a minimum 5% increase