

## FEES AND CHARGES 2019

### ANNUAL FEES AND CHARGES – PER STUDENT

ABN 429 984 183 00

YEAR LEVEL	SCHOOL FEES (TUITION)	COMPULSORY PARENT LEVIES <i>See information below</i> <sup>1,2</sup>		SCHOOL CAMP LEVIES <i>See information below</i> <sup>3</sup>	TOTAL ANNUAL FEES AND LEVIES
		Material & Resource Levy	Excursion and Incursions Levy		
Prep	4,150	520	130	-	<b>\$4,800</b>
Year 1	4,150	520	135	-	<b>\$4,805</b>
Year 2	4,150	520	130	150	<b>\$4,950</b>
Year 3	4,150	520	250	180	<b>\$5,100</b>
Year 4	4,150	520	330	480	<b>\$5,480</b>
Year 5	4,150	520	300	340	<b>\$5,310</b>
Year 6	4,150	520	580	1,200	<b>\$6,450</b>
Year 7	4,150	380	700	1,535	<b>\$6,765</b>
Year 8	4,150	380	700	2,255	<b>\$7,485</b>
Year 9	4,150	380	700	1,400	<b>\$6,630</b>
Year 10	4,150	380	700	2,000	<b>\$7,230</b>
Year 11	4,150	380	700	1,505	<b>\$6,735</b>
Year 12	4,150	380	700	1,995	<b>\$7,225</b>
Arrowsmith	17,650	+ Year level fee	+ Year level fee		

<b>Capital Levy</b>	A compulsory levy to support the ongoing development of the school's facilities.	<b>Per year, per family</b>	<b>\$630</b>
<b>Sibling Discount</b>	A sibling discount of <b>\$500</b> per year is applied to any younger sibling attending the school.		

<b>(1) Personal Project Costs</b>	<p>The school levies cover our Year level learning programs only. Costs that arise in the development of a student's personal project are a family's responsibility. These costs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a course or other activity provided by an external supplier</li> <li>• an external exam or assessment that incurs additional costs</li> <li>• specialised materials or resources</li> <li>• transport to and from a mentor, training or learning opportunity</li> </ul> <p>We do our best to work with families to minimise these costs and do not make financial decisions arising from personal projects on behalf of families. The decision and payment arrangements of these costs are left with the family.</p> <p>We suggest that families set aside a budget for these costs that is within their financial means at the start of the school year and inform the Advisor of this amount. The Advisor can then make the management of this budget part of the student's learning plan.</p>
<b>(2) Year 11 -12</b>	<p>In Year 11 and 12, we support students with courses that relate to their personal goals, through distance and online education options. We then dedicate six hours of support every week in the timetable, for students to work on these at school with our experienced senior Teaching Team. This allows our small school design to provide support for a diverse range of learning needs.</p>

<b>(3) School Camps</b>	<p>School Camps are considered a vital part of <b>The Silkwood Way</b> learning adventure and offer opportunities for student empowerment and growth in a unique way. For this reason, we anticipate that every student will participate. The camp levy is charged in addition to the Annual Fees and Levies. All school fee accounts must be paid up to date before the student can attend the camp. Please note, Camp and Excursion bookings are completed in advance, from a budgeting and financial point of view the excursion fees and bookings have been set under the presumption that all students will participate. Non-attendance/payment from one student may affect the class camp budget. For this reason, credits applied for families withdrawing from these activities will be limited to the amounts that do not affect costs for the other families.</p> <p>We appreciate that camps are a significant cost to families and therefore offer the opportunity to apply for an exemption from the camp program, based on affordability. To apply, you must complete a Camp Withdrawal Request before Friday, 1 February, a link will be provided with your School Fee Invoice. Upon approval of the Withdrawal Request, the camp levy will be deducted from your account, less any expenses the School has already incurred.</p>
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## **MATERIAL, RESOURCE, AND EXCURSIONS/INCURSIONS LEVIES**

These levies cover the cost for compulsory excursions, incursions, 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	\$125
Music - Vocal Ensemble ( <i>Including Uniform Hire</i> )	Annual Fee	\$120
Hummingbird Choir (Year 4-6)	Annual Fee	\$95
Junior Choir (Year 1-3)	Annual Fee	\$75
Woodwind Program per student	Annual Fee	\$95

## **TRANSPORT COSTS RELATED TO GETTING TO AND FROM LTI'S, TRAINEESHIPS AND MENTORING DURING SCHOOL HOURS**

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 from the School to Nerang Train Station once a day. 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 student's Advisor.

## SILKWOOD BUS FEES

The school provides a bus service for busy parents with the convenience of transporting their children to and from school each day.

In 2019, the School Bus Service is provided for permanent bookings only, billed for whole school term, irrespective of number of trips used.

BUS FEES	
Morning Service – per Term	\$190.00
Afternoon Service – per Term	\$190.00
Morning and Afternoon Service – per Term	\$375.00
Morning and Afternoon Service – Annual Fee	\$1,450.00

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 or annual basis. **Bookings are essential and are subject to availability**; preference will be given to students using the service on a permanent weekly basis. Bus bookings will be available through the Parent Portal.

## PAYING YOUR SCHOOL FEES

<b>OPTION 1</b> A one-off yearly payment	Pay the total annual school fee account by 1 February 2019. A \$350 discount per student is offered for this option. <i>Payment options are Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), BPAY or Credit Card</i>
<b>OPTION 2</b> 9-instalment payment plan	Enter into a direct debit agreement to pay 9 monthly instalments beginning 1 February 2019 and ending 4 October 2019. A \$200 discount per student is offered for this option. <i>To access this option, you must have entered into the <a href="#">Direct Debit Agreement</a> before the end January and paid the first instalment by 1 February 2019.</i>
<b>OPTION 3</b> A fortnightly payment-plan	You enter into a direct debit agreement to pay fortnightly instalments beginning 1 February 2019 and ending 29 October 2019. No discount offered. <a href="#">Direct Debit Agreement</a>
<b>Having difficulty paying?</b>	If you are having difficulty paying or know that you may have 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 <i>only</i> available for families in <i>short-term crisis</i> situations and are not an option for long-term support. Being a smaller school, our support budgets are limited. If you need help please email our Finance Manager at: <a href="mailto:finance@silkwood.qld.edu.au">finance@silkwood.qld.edu.au</a> .

## 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 28 October 2019.
- 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. All activities charged 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.qld.edu.au](mailto:schoolfees@silkwood.qld.edu.au)

Please note, school fees will increase every year, budget for a minimum 5% increase yearly on compulsory fees and levies.