



Dear Families

RE: School Fees at Silkwood for 2020

At Silkwood we are committed to delivering a highly personalised education, with smaller class sizes than traditional schools and keeping our fees lower than other Independent schools.

Below is our fee schedule for 2020. The following are the changes from that process;

- Schools fees for the up and coming year will be published in September
- We have one flat fee which includes Tuition, Materials, Excursions and Incursions
- We have increased our sibling discount by 10%, with further 10% increases scheduled for the next 5 years
- School Camps are a compulsory inclusion in our school learning program. Fees for these are adjusted yearly to reflect changes to costs from providers. These will be published separately in November every year and then included and paid for as part of the annual school fee invoice.

We value the commitment families make to The Silkwood Way and value this partnership.



ABN 429 984 183 00

### School Fees 2020 - Excluding Camp Fees

#### Annual Fees – Per Student

Year Level	Annual Fees <i>Includes all materials, incursions and excursions</i>
Prep – Year 2	\$5,100
Year 3 - 5	\$5,250
Year 6 - 12	\$5,500
Multi-Age Advisory	\$5,500

#### Annual Levy – Per Family

Capital Levy	A yearly levy for the ongoing costs of development of the school site and facilities.	Per year, per family	\$1200
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#### Sibling Discount

Sibling Discount	A sibling discount is applied to any younger sibling attending the school.	Per child, per year	\$550
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#### Personalised Learning Costs

School Fees cover our Core and Essential learning programs, which includes all courses required for attainment of QCE in Year 11-12 and the delivery of the Australian Curriculum requirements. Costs that arise in the development of a student’s personal project or personalised learning pathway that sit outside these programs are a family’s responsibility. 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 to and from a mentor, training or learning opportunity

We do not make financial decisions arising from personal projects on behalf of families. The decisions and payment arrangements for these costs are left with the family.

## School Camp Payments

School Camps offer opportunities for student growth in a unique way and are part of **The Silkwood Way** essential learning program. For this reason, camps are not optional unless a student has a medical reason. Should you be concerned about your child’s attendance at camp, meet with your Advisor to discuss before the start of the school year.

Camp fees are adjusted yearly to reflect changes to costs from providers. They are published separately in November every year and then included as part of the annual school fee invoice. See Terms of Payment below for details about refunds for school camps.

## Extension Music Fees

The School offers instrumental and choir programs as an extension to our essential learning program. Below are the fees for this program per student. Enrolment into these programs is for a full year, if a student withdraws, the full year charges remain.

Year 3 students require a violin for their strings program. We offer instrument hire for this for a fee.

If you wish to hire a violin or enrol your child into the music extension program contact our Music Co-Ordinator Melanie Creamer [melanie.creamer@silkwood.qld.edu.au](mailto:melanie.creamer@silkwood.qld.edu.au).

Music - Senior and Intermediate Orchestra <i>(Including Uniform Hire and excursions)</i>	Annual Fee	\$125
Music - Vocal Ensemble <i>(Including Uniform Hire and excursions)</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
Violin Hire (Year 3 strings program)	Annual Fee	\$100

## Paying your School Fees

Direct all account enquiries to: <a href="mailto:schoolfees@silkwood.qld.edu.au">schoolfees@silkwood.qld.edu.au</a>	
<b>Option 1</b> A one-off yearly payment	<p>Pay the total School Fee Account by <b>31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020</b>.</p> <p>A \$350 discount per student is offered for this option.</p> <p>Payment options are Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), BPAY or Credit Card</p>

<b>Option 2</b> Termly Payments	Set up an EZIDEBIT agreement by <b>31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020</b> to pay your fees in 4 instalments on the first day of every Term
<b>Option 3</b> 9 Month Instalment Plan	Set up an EZIDEBIT agreement by <b>31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020</b> to pay your fees in 9 monthly instalments to be paid by <b>15th Oct 2020</b> .
<b>Option 4</b> A weekly/fortnightly payment-plan	Enter into a direct debit agreement to pay weekly or fortnightly instalments beginning <b>15th Jan 2020</b> and ending <b>15th October 2020</b> .
<b>Having difficulty paying</b>	Please let us know if you are having difficulty paying, we are here to help.  We have a range of Financial Assistance Bursaries available for our families who have been enrolled in Silkwood for 6 months and whose fees are overdue by less than three months.  If you would like to access this help email <a href="mailto:finance@silkwood.qld.edu.au">finance@silkwood.qld.edu.au</a> .

## Terms of Payment

- Fees outstanding after the due date or missed payments on direct debits will incur a \$50 late fee for every week missed.
- All fees must be up to date for a student to attend camps.
- Enrolments are suspended for accounts in arrears of their payment agreements at the end of every term.
- All fee payments must be finalised by the **15th October 2020**.
- A full term's notice in writing is required for any changes to a student's attendance. Failure to give a term's notice will result in you being billed for one term's fees and your Enrolment Bond will be credited against this.
- Should a child be expelled or suspended from school the current term's fees remain payable.
- We offer no refund for non-participation in camps, except in cases where a family has applied for a medical exemption and it has been approved. This is inclusive of a family exiting or withdrawing a student from the school. In cases where a refund is deemed as necessary, the school will refund any expenses that the school has not incurred or that does not affect other family's charges.