



LEIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ULVERSTONE and BURNIE CAMPUS

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LEIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL – FEE & LEVY INFORMATION SHEET 2023

Leighland Christian School provides a number of fee payment options and policies to ensure that Christian education is affordable for families. The structure of our fees provides sibling discounts, and parents will only pay for three children at School at any one time, assisting larger families. The philosophy is that parents who can afford to pay full fees should do so and that the Board will make Christian education affordable for low-income families using the Fee Assistance process. The fee subsidy process includes a meeting with the Business Manager and disclosing personal information to assess your need. This is a confidential process.

Your fee payment plans can be established using electronic transfer arrangements using Direct Debit, Qkr or BPAY. A fee discount is also available for parents who pay their fees in advance – this is a 5% fee discount if the entire year's fees are paid in full 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 and tailored to fit your budget. Parents in full-time Christian Ministry or on leave from the overseas mission field can arrange for Fee Assistance under our discount fee structure.

2023 Fees

Our fees are structured to make Primary education more affordable. We also provide generous sibling discounts for families with two or more children attending.

Year Level	School Fee	Capital Levy per family	Per Term Total x 4 payments	Per Fortnight Total x 26 payments
Kindergarten	\$1,875	\$100	\$494	\$75.96
Prep to Grade 2	\$2,770	\$100	\$718	\$110.38
Primary Grade 3-6	\$4,435	\$100	\$1,134	\$174.42
Secondary Year 7-10	\$5,635	\$100	\$1,434	\$220.58
Year 11 & 12	\$6,625	\$100	\$1,681	\$258.65

Fee 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

Personal Laptop Levy – High School The School also provides a new laptop for every student commencing in Year 7 and again in Year 10 for their use at School and home. The laptops are heavily discounted and insured against accidental damage. The current laptop levy is \$300.00 per student in Y7 & Y10. Typically, parents will only pay two laptop levies per child if their child continues from Y7 – Y12. A new laptop is reissued in Y10. If your child starts in Y8 or Y9, or Y11, the levy applies from that year. The levy is non-refundable. The laptop remains the School's property but may be purchased by the student at a discounted price at the end of three years.

Fee Payment Options:

Direct Debit or Centrepay	Per week, fortnight or month	Fees deducted from your nominated account
BPAY	Per month or Per Term or set up your own payment plan	The electronic payment you make from your bank to the School
Qkr! for Mastercard	Per week, fortnight or month, term or the whole year	You can elect to make payments through an app on your phone or computer
Per Term	Pay in cash or EFTPOS	Four payments per year. Due and payable by the start of each term
Per Year	Pay the whole year in advance	5% discount is 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 Manager	Various options
Fee Assistance	Agreed after the 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 include all books and stationery and cover most other educational expenses except uniforms 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 shows how other schools view these areas, and the indicative value shows what you are being provided. Other schools that do not advertise all the education costs upfront 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	\$190.00
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 contributions 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	\$85.00
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)	\$1000.00

*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 Quotes:

The best way to find out how much fees will be for your family is to go to the website; <https://www.leighland.tas.edu.au/fees-enrolment> and complete the fee calculator, or 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.

Email: finance@leighland.tas.edu.au

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 traveling 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) Year 11 & 12 have some specialist subject choices that may 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 is an optional subject offering that parents may choose for senior students in Year 10 to 12. Levies for VET subjects are payable for each course in addition to school fees and require a separate signed agreement with parents. These levies go toward the cost the School pays to external providers 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 that is specifically to raise funds for future capital improvements.

Fee Assistance: This is an important service. The Board provides an annual allocation in the School budget to facilitate 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.

Financial assistance is for families who are on a low income or who have special circumstance that requires assistance. Fee assistance is offered to families who complete the Fee Assistance Process and who provide personal details of their family income and expenses to support their application. Fee Assistance is determined on a case by case basis for each situation and the fees payment plan is confirmed for a defined period of up to twelve months. This process is a strictly confidential process and parent information is filed and stored securely.

If you are 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.

Good Communication

Our aim is to provide all families with a high level of confidence as we provide assistance or support with fees. We request that parents communicate with us in a timely manner to ensure we can provide the help required. Importantly we respect every parent and understand that all families can face tough situations from time to time. We are committed to listening respectfully and assisting you where required and we value the partnership we have with you.

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.