



Lutheran School Wagga Wagga

2 December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: School Fees for 2025

When reviewing school fees, the School Board along with leadership, carefully considers many factors, such as sustainability of the school, the economic climate and the needs of our community. Setting the fees for the upcoming year is always a significant decision and never taken lightly. The need to balance a holistic, high standard of education along with affordability is always the goal.

For Independent schools, the need to charge school fees stems from the gap in government funding and the actual running costs of schools, (E.g. staffing, electricity, insurance and resources). As much as possible, we have negotiated purchases and running costs in quantities to keep costs as low as possible, however with impending salary increases from 2025-2027 and no increase in government funding, we are mindful of the impact this will have in remaining sustainable. Over 70% of our total expenses are salaries and the large documented increases (in some cases up to 11%) across the state will have major impacts on the independent system.

Over the years, Lutheran School has maintained low fee increases. The School has set fees for the 2025 schoolyear, mindful of rising costs and of accommodating a holistic program for a student from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Below is Lutheran School Wagga Wagga's all inclusive Fee Structure for 2025:

Child Number	Fee per Term	Student Total	Family Total \$
1	1163.00	4652.00	4652.00
2	1017.63	4070.50	8722.50
3	872.25	3489.00	12211.50
4	581.50	2326.00	14537.50

*Not included: Camp Fees.

Camp fees will remain similar to 2024 and will be billed separately.

We're pleased to inform you that in 2025 the sibling discounts will increase. For many years Lutheran has offered a discount in a monetary amount. This has been a \$500 discount for two children, \$900 for three children and \$1400 for four children enrolled. In 2025, the annual sibling discount will be:

- 12.5% for second child (\$581.50)
- 25% for third child (\$1163.00)
- 50% for fourth child (\$2326.00)

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Within school fees, the following items continue to be included; and by doing so, this represents real value for parents, guardians and fee payers:

- Class tuition, including all materials and stationery items across K-6
- A Chromebook for Years 2-6
- An iPad for Kinder-1
- Support and enrichment teachers and Learning Assistants
- Academic competitions (with the exception of ICAS)
- Participation in many interhouse and interschool sport and gala days (including but not limited to, swimming lessons, gymnastics lessons (biannually), RAS sporting opportunities for 3-6, LSWW Sports Carnivals, Red Ball tennis)
- Music/Drama opportunities: E.g., Eisteddfod, Musica Viva incursion, Theatre performances, Freestyle Dance Ministry
- Local Excursions: examples include, Strawberry Farm, Civic Theatre, Wagga Zoo
- Community events
- Chess and Tournament of Minds
- School Clubs including robotics, art, craft, cooking and kitchen garden groups
- Guest Speakers (E.g. Pet Ownership visit)
- Annual school yearbook "The Gift"

Lutheran School is committed to maintaining a fee that is affordable for our community. We understand that many families are struggling in the present environment with competing demands on the family budget. If you are experiencing or foresee financial difficulties arising, please do not hesitate to contact me. There are options for bursaries, scholarships and other financial support available.

We look forward to welcoming all students back to school for another great year on Monday 3rd February, 2025.

We are grateful for your support this year and we look forward to our ongoing partnership in 2025 as we continue to provide the best learning opportunities for your children.

Yours in Christ,



2025 Fees Schedule

Enrolment Fees

Enrolment Application Fee

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A non-refundable Enrolment Application Fee of \$50 applies at the time an application is made.

Enrolment Acceptance Bond

An Enrolment Acceptance Bond of \$400 per child is required to secure the enrolment of each student with a maximum total of \$800 per family. This bond is non-refundable if the child does not commence enrolment at LSWW. The Enrolment Acceptance Bond is returned to the family upon a student's graduation or if enrolment is terminated by the parents with notice of a least one full term.

Please visit www.lpsww.nsw.edu.au for more information on the enrolment process.

Annual Fees

All-inclusive commitment to families

1. Class tuition, including all materials and stationery items K-6
2. Specialist teachers for timetabled weekly PE, Creative Arts and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) lessons K-6
3. Support and enrichment teachers K-6
4. Learning Assistant support K-6
5. Chaplaincy service and pastoral care program
6. Class activities including excursions and transport costs, swimming lessons (K-2), visiting performances or educators, gymnastics program (Years 2, 4 and 6)
7. Compulsory camps for years 3-6 (will show as a separate line item on the billing)
8. Access to technology relevant to the delivery of curriculum
9. School activities including interhouse and interschool sport and gala days
10. Annual school yearbook "The Gift"
11. Student Accident insurance

Extra-Curricular Activities:

1. Music - Choir, Recorder Group, Drum Circle
2. Representative sport
3. Chess and Tournament of Minds
4. Academic competitions (with the exception of ICAS)
5. School Clubs including robotic, art, craft, band and kitchen garden groups

The only extra cost parents can expect to receive for a class or school activity is higher level school representation (e.g., state or national competitions).



Fees do not cover:

1. Uniforms

Our school also offers the following optional activities (during school hours) on a user pay basis:

1. Private music lessons
2. Speech and Drama lessons
3. UNSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
4. Before and after school care, as well as vacation care provided by TheirCare
5. Other before-or-after-school activities

Tuition Fees – Kindergarten – Year 6

Number of Children per family	Annual Fee	Fee Per Term
1 st child	4,652.00	1,163.00
2 nd child (12.5% sibling discount)	4,070.50	1017.63
3 rd child (25% sibling discount)	3,489.00	872.25
4 th child (50% sibling discount)	2,326.00	581.50

Compulsory Camp Fees – Years 3 – 6

Year Group	Annual Fee	Fee per Term
Year 3	210.00	52.50
Year 4	210.00	52.50
Year 5	420.00	105.00
Year 6	330.00	82.50

Uniforms

The school operates a second-hand Uniform Shop with all the required items except footwear. For opening hours and contact details, please see the school website at www.lpsww.nsw.edu.au. New school hats, bags and house colour bandanas can be purchased from the school office during normal office hours. New uniforms can be purchased from Lowes, 166 Baylis Street, Wagga Wagga.

Voluntary P&F Levy

The P&F Committee has a voluntary levy of \$20 per family per term, itemized on your fee invoice. The levy assists P&F with its fundraising on behalf of the school and all levy monies go back to the school. Parents who are unable to be involved with the P&F may prefer to support the P&F through this voluntary levy.

Voluntary School Tax Deductible Funds

The school operates two tax deductible funds: Building Fund and Library Fund. All monies donated are used strictly for the purposes set out in the fund documents. The Building Fund is used for maintenance as well as new building works. The Library Fund provides new book resources. Invoices will contain a suggestion on how to contribute to these funds.

User Pays Optional Activities

External providers deliver individual music, speech, drama and other lessons before school and during the day. Information about these optional activities will be provided to families early in the year.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) participation is organised by the school and offered annually to year groups eligible to participate. Information will be provided to all relevant families.

Payment of Fees

Making Payments

Statements are issued at the start of each term.

The school's preferred method of payment is by direct debit. The first payment for the year commences on 30 January 2025, with Term payments to come out on 27 February 2025. We offer a number of options for the timing of these payments to fit with individual families' needs.

Overdue Fees

Families experiencing difficulty in making full payment by the due date should contact the Business Manager or Finance Officer before the fees are due. A Direct Debit Payment Plan may be required as part of an arrangement with the school.

Fee Assistance

We understand that individual circumstances can change over time. Our goal is to help families experiencing genuine hardship to remain in the school. Families are encouraged to contact the school as soon as possible and a confidential meeting will be arranged with the Principal or the Business Manager.

If you have any questions regarding our fee structure, please contact the Principal or Business Manager on 02 69 238 100 or email:

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Yours sincerely



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