



The Armidale Waldorf School and Boongaiai Preschool

FOR RUDOLF STEINER EDUCATION

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Fee Information for 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians

We are all excited about 2018 at The Armidale Waldorf School and welcome everyone back with a warm welcome to all of the new families joining our school community.

Each year the School works hard to ensure financial stability while keeping fees to a minimum. We would like to thank you for the variety of contributions you make to our School, allowing us to offer a quality Steiner education to children in Armidale and surrounding areas.

We would like to let you know of the following amendment for 2018:

Tuition fees

Fees for 2018 have been kept to a minimum (see Fee Information and Schedule on our website) and have incorporated a small rise of 2.3%, the same as 2017.

We would also like to remind you of the following items:

Payment Plans and Financial Assistance

The School offers payment plans to assist families in spreading the cost of tuition. You may discuss making a Payment Plan to pay by monthly, fortnightly or weekly instalments. That plan must be discussed with and approved by the School Manager, *prior to 30 January 2018*. These payments are to commence on the first pay period in the school term (or the next available pay period if a mid-year enrolment). The School offers additional financial assistance to families where a genuine need exists. Please contact the School Manager or Education Director as soon as possible if such a need arises.

Withdrawal of Enrolment

The School must plan for, and budget for the year ahead. To ensure stability, the School therefore requires written notice of your intention to withdraw your child, with a minimum of one terms' notice. When the full terms' written notice is given, a family will incur no additional fees beyond what they would normally pay for that term. However, if less than one terms' notice is given, the full terms' fees will still be payable.

For those students in Class 6 or 7 intending to withdraw at the end of the school year, the School requires written notice of withdrawal by the last day of Term 3 (Friday 21st September 2018) to give the School a clear picture for planning our high school classes. The School reserves the right to charge an amount equivalent to one full terms' fee if the student withdraws without receipt of this advice. Please see Fee Information on the School website.

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String Music Program

Music is an important part of our school curriculum, violin or cello is taught to all children starting from Class 3 to Class 5. Class 6-8 may choose to continue with stringed instruments or learn another ensemble instrument.

Class K-2 - There are no individual music lessons in K-2 classes. If parents wish for their child to play an instrument at this age it will need to be done outside the school day either before or after school.

Class 3-5 - Learn a bowed string instrument (Violin, viola or cello) – parents can borrow from the school or buy their own instrument. The class will be grouped in pairs and have a weekly half hour lesson (8 per term) between 9-3. These lessons will be billed to the students account. Parents can elect to have a private 1/2hrs lesson if they wish.

Class 6-8 - either continue with bowed string instrument or learn another ensemble instrument (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, oboe, bassoon, recorder). These lessons will be billed to the students account. Lessons are scheduled between 11-3 in the school day and are rotated where possible so that students don't miss the same class each week.

Cost per term (shared 1/2 hr lesson*): \$180

Cost per Term (individual 1/2 hr lesson): \$300

No hire fee for violins and cellos.

*If there is not a pair available a 15minute private lesson will be given instead.

Lessons are scheduled through the school day and are rotated so that students don't miss the same class each week.

School Violins are available for the students to use at no costs. There are limited school cellos and it is quite possible that the school may not have the correct size for your child. For families really

interested in doing the cello you may need to hire an instrument through NECOM. There are plenty of violins in different sizes form very small to ¾ size.

Camps and Excursions

The fee schedule incorporates the budgeted amount for camps, combined with local excursions and performances. This cost will be charged over terms 1-3 to assist in breaking the cost down into more manageable amounts.

Building Fund

In order to maintain and improve the Schools facilities, in Term 2 each year, every family is charged a ***\$250 Building Fund Fee that is optional***. If you do not wish to make this contribution, please email accounts@waldorf.nsw.edu.au and request that it is taken off your account.

The first day of school for all students, Preschool to Class 8 will be Tuesday 30th January 2018, with the Monday set aside for a Staff Day. All other local schools are also returning on this day, so buses will be running as normal. We look forward to seeing everyone then.

Yours sincerely,



Maureen Chapman
Chair, The Armidale Waldorf School Board