



EDUCATIONAL COSTS 2024

Financial support provided by parents has always played a significant role in enabling the provision of resources that extend a school's capacity to add value to students' learning experiences.

In line with the Education Act of 1999 and associated School Education Regulations of 2000, Government schools are required to itemise, at least in broad terms, the **potential** monetary outlay for the coming school year. The schedule of possible charges is designed to outline in advance of the school year the financial commitment that will be required from parents.

The schedule of costs has been approved by the Newborough School Board for 2024. The Board consists of both parents and teachers and every opportunity has been taken to ensure costs are kept to a minimum.

The school is required to list all anticipated costs, including ones that we know will only apply to a relatively small number of children. Please check the relevant year level list of charges carefully and determine which of the activities will most likely apply. The **possible** expenditure is listed under the following areas:

A) Contributions

An amount of **\$60** per child is requested. This is a voluntary levy that the school requests from parents to help cover the cost of materials, services and facilities used by K-6 students in the educational program. At the K-6 levels, the maximum amount that can be requested from parents is \$60.

Whilst the State and Federal Governments are responsible for funding all schools to enable them to deliver an appropriate educational program, parent contributions and fundraising activities have always been a vital additional source of funds to ensure schools have the level of resources and programs required by the community. The quality of our teaching and learning program will be maximised if each family supports the voluntary contributions levy by making the \$60 payment per child.

B) Charges

(i) Charges for Activities Related to the Education Program

The school plans for all possible expenditure items for what are essentially optional activities provided to enhance the learning program. These charges are compulsory, but **only if your child takes part**. Examples of these extra-cost optional components include activities such as:

- Incursions/Excursions (including camps)
- Interm swimming lessons
- Sporting events (bus fare, venue entry, etc)
- PEAC Courses (Years 5 and 6 children)

PLEASE NOTE: Exact costs are not known at this point - **it is very likely that actual charges will be lower than listed.**

The amounts collected for charges vary from year level to year level depending upon the nature and range of the activities undertaken.

(ii) Charges for Activities Not Directly Related to School Educational Program

The following list of optional activities (incurring an additional cost) is provided to give parents advance information about some activities they may choose for their child. Dollar amounts will vary significantly between families.

- School Photographs
- Instrumental Music
- Uniform
- Book Club

C) Personal Requirements

The third area of educational expenditure by parents is essentially the student 'booklist'. Personal requirements are items each child will need to have each school day in order to maximise participation in the learning activities presented. It may be necessary to replace some items during the year.

The charge for personal requirements varies from student to student and class to class. Every endeavour has been made to keep these items to a minimum.

After discussions with the P&C and various suppliers, we have decided that this year the booklists will again be provided through the P&C to assist the P&C with their fundraising efforts and for the convenience of our parents. Of course, other options are available, however you will be supporting the P&C's fundraising efforts if you purchase direct from the P&C.

If you do choose to purchase through the P&C, clear instructions are located on the back of each Booklist. Booklists must be returned to the front office, and placed in the box provided with full payment, by Friday, November 24, 2023. The P&C will package the booklists for each year group and have them available for collection from the library on Monday January 29, 2024 between 9am and 11am.

There are some items on the booklists which will only be available for purchase through the P&C via the school. You will also have the convenience of paying the Voluntary Contributions and P&C Contribution at the same time if you purchase your booklist through the P&C.

Feedback from previous years indicates that many parents prefer this method of purchasing their child's personal requirements, and in classrooms the uniformity is an advantage.

D) Voluntary Approved Funds

The final aspect of expenditure relates to voluntary payments which may be requested, for example by the P&C Association. For 2024 the School Board has requested a payment for the P&C of \$30 per child.

