



Lutheran School Wagga Wagga

5 November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: School Fees for 2026

When reviewing school fees, the School Board and leadership team carefully weigh multiple factors, including the long-term sustainability of the school, the current economic climate, and the needs of our community. Setting fees for the upcoming year is a significant decision and one we approach with great care. Our goal is always to strike the right balance, maintaining a holistic, high standard of education while ensuring affordability for families.

Independent schools rely on school fees to bridge the gap between government funding and the actual cost of running a school, covering essential expenses such as staffing, electricity, insurance, and resources. While we have worked diligently to negotiate purchases and manage operating costs to keep fees as low as possible, significant changes in the education landscape require us to adjust.

From 2025 to 2027, documented salary increases across the state (the average increase is 18.4%) are having a major impact on independent schools. Over 70% of our total expenses are salaries, and these increases are necessary to retain highly qualified, experienced teachers who deliver the quality education your children deserve. Unfortunately, government funding has not increased to offset these costs, making fee adjustments and structural staffing changes unavoidable to ensure the sustainability of our school.

We remain committed to transparency and to providing the best possible learning environment for every student. Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we navigate these changes together.

Below is Lutheran School Wagga Wagga's all-inclusive Fee Structure for 2026:

Child number	Sibling Discount	Fee per Term	Student Total	Family Total \$
1		1,244.50	4,978.00	4,978.00
2	12.5%	1088.94	4,355.75	9,222.75
3	25%	933.38	3,733.50	13,067.25
4	50%	622.25	2,489.00	15,556.25

Compulsory camp fees will be billed separately in the Term that they occur:

Year Group	Annual Camp Fee
Year 3	65.00
Year 4	250.00
Year 5	550.00
Year 6	350.00

Within school fees, the following items continue to be included; and by doing so, this represents real value for parents, carers 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 staff 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, RAS sporting opportunities for 3-6, LSWW Sports Carnivals, Red Ball tennis)
- Music/Drama opportunities: E.g., Eisteddfod, 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
- Annual school yearbook "The Gift" (one per family)

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 are grateful for your support this year and we look forward to our ongoing partnership in 2026 as we continue to provide the best learning opportunities for your children.

Yours in Christ,



Hollie Kinning
Principal



Johanna Stanton
Board Chair