



# Ironbark Ridge Public School

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*Nurturing personal growth through inspired learning...*

## 2020 Account Explanation

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Please find attached your school account that includes all fees payable for Term 1, as well as several annual fees.

Without these annual fees, it would be difficult to maintain the high standard of resourcing we provide for teaching and learning, for which our school has become well known. These fees help us pay for such things as our 'Future-focussed' learning initiative where we are working towards all students having constant access to technology and flexible learning spaces/furniture within the classroom. They also help supply the beautiful books that we study in English, 'refreshed' home readers for younger grades, subscriptions to online literacy resources and equipment for Mathematics and Science investigations. Fees are also used for participation in sporting events (there is a cost to the school for many of these events), innovative and engaging sports equipment for use in PE lessons, clay, paints and a range of art materials for our Creative Arts program, and expensive kits and programs that are used to support children when they experience a problem with their learning. These fees also go towards our photocopiers and the high cost of paper, to supplement our utilities bills, and so we can maintain the air-conditioning in our classrooms.

- The **General Contribution** fee of **\$50.00** per student is not a compulsory fee; however, parents are urged to meet this payment. For the **General Contribution there is a maximum charge per family of \$125.00 i.e. first two children \$50.00 each, third child \$25.00 and any other enrolled children are exempt from this fee.**
- The **Equipment Levy of \$60.00** is for each student; this levy covers the cost of the many learning resources mentioned above, and already supplied to your child such as a set of colourful book covers, subscription to Reading Eggs (mainly K-2) and Typing Tutor, and many more items.
- The **Technology Levy of \$50.00** will provide us with the ongoing ability to maintain and cyclically replace our classroom computer 'devices', ensuring all students have great access to the tools they need to be ready for their rapidly changing world. This will also reduce our need to run fundraisers during the year. The Tech Levy will provide us, in short, with certainty for planning purposes.

**English Resource fee (Years 3 to 6 only)** Students in Years 3-6 use The School Magazine to support their English program. Each month, the students will receive (and keep) a new magazine featuring carefully crafted texts, engaging students in literature of all types including poetry and graphic narratives. These texts are levelled according to their year group, and our students are excited to read each new issue as it is released. The cost of The School Magazine is not optional as the students will be keeping these valuable resources at the end of the year. **\$15 for a yearly subscription equates to just \$1.50 for each magazine.** We thank all families for supporting the program by paying this fee in full.

Each Stage or Year group may have additional costs associated with specific excursions, equipment or activities and these are listed separately on the Statement of Account. Please see the table on page 2, which sets out the activities/levies for Term 1. Any outstanding amounts from last year will also appear on the Statement of Account.

Please return your Statement of Account with your payment to the school office. **Payment and permission notes are due by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020.** Payment can be made most simply via our online payment system – School Bytes – by clicking the link(s) in the Term 1 account email, or by EFTPOS, cheque made payable to Ironbark Ridge Public School or cash at the school office. If paying online please write your receipt number on the Statement of Account. An explanation on how to make a payment through School Bytes is attached to the Statement of Account.

**Term 1 2020 Activities and Levies**

STAGE/YEAR	ACTIVITY/LEVY	COST
ALL STUDENTS	Equipment Levy General Contribution (Vol.) Technology Levy	\$60.00 per student \$50.00 per student (capped at \$125 per family) \$50.00 per student
ES1 (Kindy)	-----	-----
STG 1 (Yrs 1 & 2)	Swimming Carnival Rouse Hill House and Farm	\$15.00 for attendees only \$41.00 per student
YEAR 3	Swimming Carnival English Resource	\$15.00 for attendees only \$15.00 per student
YEAR 4	Swimming Carnival Year 4 Camp Balance English Resource	\$15.00 for attendees only \$320.00 per student \$15.00 per student
YEAR 5	Swimming Carnival English Resource	\$15.00 for attendees only \$15.00 per student
YEAR 6	Swimming Carnival English Resource	\$15.00 for attendees only \$15.00 per student

- Please note that if you had a fee in advance carrying over from last year or had paid for the Swimming Carnival but your child did not attend because of the decision to only send competitive swimmers, the fee has been applied against one of the other fees on your account.

**All notes for excursions/incursions are on the school website for printing at home and return with your payment details. Payment alone does not confirm your child’s participation in the activity; we must also have the signed permission notes returned. Due date for all fees is Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

I understand that in some cases the total amount owing may be quite significant due to camps and other excursion costs all included in the start-of-year Statement of Account, and we sincerely apologise for this. If you have any concerns regarding your invoice, including requests to discuss payment plans, please contact Mrs Allison Batten, Business Manager or Mrs Michelle Jones, School Administration Manager.

I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support.

Nick Thomson  
Principal