



## Parent Contributions 2019

Peregrine is a non-government school and has three major sources of income:

- Government funding (67%),
- Fees (26%)
- Fundraising (7%)

At Peregrine we aim to keep fees as low as possible, while ensuring very high teacher student ratios. This is key to our philosophy and major educational goal; addressing the individual needs of the students. Most groups at Peregrine have between 12 to 16 students in them.

In order to achieve the lowest possible fees, with the highest possible teacher student ratios, the school undertakes significant fundraising. There is a great deal of flexibility in ways that parents can meet their commitment to fundraising, because we recognise that each family has a unique set of circumstances.

Peregrine is committed to equity of access. We have several mechanisms that support as many families as possible to be able to make the choice to send their children to the school.

- Two low-income tuition fee tiers
- Substantial reductions for second, third and subsequent child discounts, particularly for those on low incomes
- Our Annual Wooden Boat Raffle

### Tuition Fees

Peregrine has a strong philosophical commitment to keeping the school accessible to all families. We therefore offer three levels of tuition fee.

The full fee is discounted by 25% at the first Low Income Tier and by 50% at the second Low Income Tier. There are further sibling discounts, which have the effect of removing tuition fees for all but the first child, for families who qualify for the Low Income Discounts.

#### Tier 1

Eligibility for this discount is possession of a Low Income Health Care Card

#### Tier 2

Eligibility for this discount is approval for the Tasmanian Education Department Student Assistance Scheme.

These discounts are made possible by all families participating in fundraising, and through additional funding from the Commonwealth Government on the basis of average family income in the school community.

### Additional Tuition Fee Discounts

Further discounts on tuition fees are available by application, in return for work at the school, one day per week. Limited numbers of these discounts are available, and are only for tuition, for one child in a family. Additional Fee Support is reviewed by the Management Committee at the end of each year, to ensure discounts are offered appropriately.

### Tuition Fees by Income Level

1 <sup>st</sup> Child	Kindergarten (3 full days per week)		Prep – Grade 6	
	Per Term	Per Year	Per Term	Per Year
<b>Full Tuition Fee</b>	\$815	\$3260	\$1085	\$4340
<b>Low Income Tier 1 Tuition Fee</b>	\$407.50	\$1630	\$542.50	\$2170
<b>Low Income Tier 2 Tuition Fee</b>	\$203.75	\$815	\$271.25	\$1085

2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	Kindergarten (3 full days per week)		Prep – Grade 6	
	Per Term	Per Year	Per Term	Per Year
<b>Full Tuition Fee</b>	\$732.50	\$2930	\$976.50	\$3906
<b>Low Income Tuition Fee Tiers 1 &amp; 2</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

3 <sup>rd</sup> and Subsequent Children	Kindergarten (3 full days per week)		Prep – Grade 6	
	Per Term	Per Year	Per Term	Per Year
<b>Full Tuition Fee</b>	\$407.50	\$1630	\$542.50	\$2170
<b>Low Income Tuition Fee Tiers 1 &amp; 2</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Cut off rates for the Student Assistance Scheme for 2019 are as follows:

Number of Dependent Children	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Income per week</b>	\$696	\$801	\$913	\$1,032	\$1,158
<b>Annual Parental Income</b>	\$36,192	\$41,652	\$47,476	\$53,664	\$60,216

### Levies

Levies are charged for all students and are fully inclusive of all school activities.

	Kindergarten (3 full days per week)		Prep – Grade 1		Grade 2 – Grade 4		Grade 5 – Grade 8	
	Per Term	Per Year	Per Term	Per Year	Per Term	Per Year	Per Term	Per Year
<b>Excursion and Camp Levy</b>	\$50	\$200	\$165	\$660	\$195	\$780	\$250	\$1000
<b>Cooking Levy</b>	\$110	\$440	\$185	\$740	\$185	\$740	\$185	\$740
<b>Capital Levy</b>	\$125	\$500	\$125	\$500	\$125	\$500	\$125	\$500
<b>Stationery Levy</b>		\$160		\$220		\$220		\$220
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1300</b>		<b>\$2120</b>		<b>\$2240</b>		<b>\$2460</b>

## **Compulsory Levies**

### *Excursion and Camp Levy*

This levy covers all costs associated with excursions and swimming lessons. Excursions are undertaken regularly for outdoor education, theatre, music, sport and general curriculum. At times workshops and performances take place at school and these costs are also covered by this levy.

Camps are an integral part of the school program for students in Grades 1 – 8 and all children are expected to attend. Prep students are strongly encouraged to participate in camps, but their attendance is negotiable. This levy is not refundable if children do not attend camp.

This levy is spread evenly over the four terms for ease of budgeting for parents. As costs are not evenly distributed across the camps, the full annual levy is payable even if children only attend Peregrine for part of the year.

### *Lunches*

This cooking levy covers all costs associated with food at school. This includes morning tea, lunch, all food for excursions and camps and all other cooking activities.

### *Stationery Levy*

All students are charged a Stationery Levy to help cover the cost of stationery, books, art supplies and online subscriptions. This levy covers only a small portion of the school's expenditure on these items.

### *Capital Levy*

This levy enables the school to provide and maintain its buildings. The money is used to repay capital loans, to contribute towards major upgrades of existing buildings and to save for planned new buildings.

## **Kindergarten**

Kindergarten students generally attend three full days per week.

Families may negotiate with the teacher and Principal if they feel their child would benefit from attending more than the minimum sessions. The decision to increase attendance will be based on the child's readiness emotionally, socially and academically. In most cases, a child would need to be ready to participate in introductory literacy and numeracy activities with the older children. Fees are charged on a pro rata basis for extra Kindergarten attendance.

## **Bond**

\$1000 (per family)

All families pay a bond when their first child is enrolled at Peregrine. This bond is retained by the school until the last child in a family leaves Peregrine. The bond is then refunded, as long as the required notice has been given and all fees have been paid.

At this time we ask parents to consider making a tax-deductible donation of their bond to the school building fund. This money is used to repay principal on the school's capital loans.

## **Payment of Fees**

Fees and levies are paid together on a term-by-term basis or fortnightly by direct debit. Credit card and EFTPOS facilities are available.

## **Parent Support**

### **Working Bees**

Working Bees are held regularly once per term on Sundays. Several Working Bees are also scheduled over the high growth months of November to January. All families are encouraged to attend the occasional Working Bee, as it's a great chance to work as a community. Participation at Working Bees is voluntary.

### **Fundraising and School Support**

*30 hours per family per year*                      *OR*                      *\$150 levy per term*

Our major fundraiser is a wooden boat raffle, which happens every second year to coincide with the Australian Wooden Boat Festival.

Families can choose to help with fundraising, with upkeep of the school grounds and buildings, with special projects, with administrative tasks or in ways that utilise your skills and interests.

### **Voluntary Support**

Parents may choose to support the school in many ways e.g. supporting teachers in the classroom, on excursions and on camps. We very much appreciate this support when it is offered, as it greatly adds to the experiences that the children have at Peregrine.

### **Withdrawal of Enrolment**

One term's notice in writing is required to withdraw a child from Peregrine. The end of a school year is considered as one term's notice when withdrawing a child for the following year.

If a child is withdrawn in the middle of a term without the required notice, all fees are payable for the remainder of that term. If a child is withdrawn without the required notice, the family's bond will not be refunded.

### **Fees and Parent Contributions**

This structure is an attempt to achieve harmony within the school community with a flexibility that is true to one of our eight key philosophy statements.

*We believe that parents, teachers and students share responsibility for the wellbeing and success of the school.*

Fees and Parent Contribution arrangements may be revised by the Management Committee at any time. Parents will be consulted and as much notice given of any changes as possible.

The Management Committee may exempt families from parent contribution requirements on a temporary or permanent basis for various reasons.