



## Parent Contributions 2022

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

- Government funding (78%),
- Fees and private income (22%)

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; supporting the individual needs of the students.

In order to achieve the lowest possible fees, with the highest possible teacher student ratios, the school has a system for parent contribution. There is a great deal of flexibility in ways that parents can meet their commitment to this, 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.

- A low-income tuition fee
- Substantial reductions for second, third and subsequent child discounts, particularly for those on low incomes
- The Parent Contribution system

### Tuition Fees

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

If your family holds a current Health Care Card, you will be offered our Low Income Tuition Discount. The full tuition fee is discounted by 50% for the first child in the family, and tuition fees are removed for all subsequent children.

Families paying full tuition fees receive the following sibling discounts on the Tuition Fee:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> child – 10%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent children – 50%

#### Low Income Discount

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

#### 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 Tuition Discounts are 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 10	
	Per Term	Per Year	Per Term	Per Year
<b>Full Tuition Fee</b>	\$860	\$3440	\$1140	\$4560
<b>Low Income Tuition Fee</b>	\$430	\$1720	\$570	\$2280

2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	Kindergarten (3 full days per week)		Prep – Grade 10	
	Per Term	Per Year	Per Term	Per Year
<b>Full Tuition Fee</b>	\$774	\$3096	\$1026	\$4104
<b>Low Income Tuition Fee</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

3 <sup>rd</sup> and Subsequent Children	Kindergarten (3 full days per week)		Prep – Grade 10	
	Per Term	Per Year	Per Term	Per Year
<b>Full Tuition Fee</b>	\$430	\$1720	\$570	\$2280
<b>Low Income Tuition Fee</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

## 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 10	
	Per Term	Per Year	Per Term	Per Year	Per Term	Per Year	Per Term	Per Year
<b>Excursion and Camp Levy</b>	\$55	\$220	\$175	\$700	\$210	\$840	\$280	\$1120
<b>Cooking Levy</b>	\$125	\$500	\$200	\$800	\$200	\$800	\$280	\$1120
<b>Capital Levy</b>	\$135	\$540	\$135	\$540	\$135	\$540	\$135	\$540
<b>Stationery Levy</b>		\$175		\$235		\$235		\$235
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1435</b>		<b>\$2275</b>		<b>\$2415</b>		<b>\$3015</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 Prep – Grade 10 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.

The Excursion and Camp 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**

**30 hours per family per year**

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

### *Working Bees*

Working Bees are held regularly once per month on Sundays. All families are encouraged to attend the occasional Working Bee, as it's a great chance to work as a community.

### *School Support*

There are many alternative forms of school support that families can offer, including admin support, grounds and maintenance during the week, kitchen support, help with excursions and camps, as well as programs that enrich student learning.

These types of support are organised on an Offer/Request and Accept basis:

- parents may offer support and teachers may accept, or not
- teachers may request help and parents may accept, or not

These decisions are always made on the basis of what teachers assess is in the best interests of the students and is possible within the school program at that time.

### **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.

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.