



GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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INFORMATION ABOUT MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGES 2017

Fees have been set by the Governing Council at \$355 for Materials & Service Charges, \$25 for Swimming and \$50 for Excursions (F-5) and \$80 for Years 6 and 7.

The Government has set a standard Materials and Services fee for all Primary Schools of up to \$231.00. School Governing Councils can choose to set fees above this level. At Grange Primary School we charge \$355.00, to enable us to offer quality teaching programs and resources. The school relies on the payment of fees from parents to ensure we can maintain our high standards over and above that, which is provided by the government. GST for non-consumable items may be included in your child's initial stationery charge.

PAYMENT OF FEES

For your convenience, payment will be taken at the Front Office during the week prior to school commencing from Monday 23 January to Friday 27 January 2017 between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. School resumes on Monday 30 January 2017. **(Please note: Thursday 26 January is a public holiday for Australia Day and the office will be closed.)** We encourage payment of fees the week prior to school commencing to avoid long queues at the start of school. The uniform shop will be open from 8.30am until 11.00am each day of this week for uniforms to be purchased and orders to be collected.

Parents can pay by Visa and MasterCard (either in person or over the phone), EFTPOS, Cheque or Cash. Unfortunately we do not accept American Express. We also accept payments directly into our bank account. You **MUST** include your invoice number in the online payment. The bank details are Grange Primary School Inc. - Commonwealth Bank, West Lakes - BSB 065 151, Account number 10492408. Please **DO NOT** go directly to the bank to pay in, it must be done online. We are in the process of changing banks, so please note the new number if you have our old account number saved. Commbank will soon place a link on our website for direct payment of school fees. We will advise parents of this process through Skoolbag and the website when this occurs.

DECD now require schools to be able to set up Direct Debits from parent's bank accounts. The bank will be managing this process for us and if you would like to take up this option, then forms will be available at the front office for set up of this facility. Please ask the front office for more details.

Please note it is essential for all families to make payment or arrangements. Arrangements for payment take the form of an "Instalment Letter" that needs to be finalised by the end of term 2, 2017. This form is available at the front office if required. ALL FAMILIES NEED TO EITHER MAKE PAYMENT OR MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PAY. THIS INCLUDES ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCHOOL CARD.

COLLECTION OF OVERDUE FEES

Grange Primary School will always seek to recover unpaid Materials and Services Charges through personal consultation and negotiation. Where this is not successful the school may engage an external debt collection agency to recover any compulsory Material and Services Charges which remain unpaid.

SCHOOL CARD 2017

What is School Card?

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU APPROACH THE SCHOOL IF YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOOL CARD. YOU NEED TO COMPLETE THIS FORM EVERY YEAR.

The School Card Scheme provides assistance for educational expenses for full-time students of low income families. Approval for School Card will be dependent upon the combined family gross income for the 2015/2016 financial year being within the following School Card limits: **(please note: these limits are approximates only – actual limits will be available at the beginning of next year -2017.)**

No of children	Gross Annual Salary (\$)	Gross Weekly Salary (\$)
1 child	37307	718
2 children	38325	737
3 children	39343	757
4 children	40361	776
5 children	41379	796
Each additional child	1017	20

The procedure for applying for School Card is as follows and is the same as in 2016:

If you hold a current Pension card or Health Care Card issued by Centrelink, please bring it along with you when you come to pay your school fees. We require you to complete a School Card Application form.

It is most important that if you believe you are eligible for School Card that you make contact with the school. The process is a simple one and allows the school to gain funds from the Department on your behalf.

If you require further information regarding your child's school fees for 2017 please contact the Front Office on **8353 2688**.

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