



## HORNSBY NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

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### **SCHOOL FEES AND EXCURSIONS - TERM 1, 2024**

The beginning of the year is a costly time for many parents and we try to keep the payments as low as possible. However, in order to maintain the quality education programs, pay for workbooks and fund extra curricula activities we must pass these costs on to parents.

The school and P&C co-operate for the convenience of parents so that only one combined payment per family needs to be made to cover all the start of year costs: Workbooks, Italian/French, General Service Fee, and P&C contribution (per family). The preferred method of payment is through the secure School Bytes Parent Portal. To use this system you need to go to the Hornsby North home page, click on "Make a Payment" and follow the instructions. Cash and cheques are still an acceptable form of payment. All students of the family can be combined in one payment. It is expected that payment will be made as soon as possible. However, should payment present hardship please do not hesitate to contact the Principal to discuss alternative arrangements.

Also included in the attached fee schedule are any excursions or activities during Term 1. Payment of these at the start of the term will reduce the need for further requests for money during the term. There will only be additional costs during Term 1 for activities that are deemed to be of exceptional benefit to the students or for activities which relate to a particular group of students.

**Italian lessons (K – 2)** are conducted in the school by a qualified teacher and the lessons form a part of the curriculum. The cost for 2024 is \$75.00 per year and the school is responsible for meeting this commitment.

**French lessons (3 – 6)** are provided by a qualified teacher for senior students at the same cost (\$75.00).

**The General Service Fee** is the fee allowed by the government to help defray the costs of pencils, books, paper, art supplies, photocopying, student amenities etc. The cost in 2024 is \$50.00 per student.

**Mathletics** is a program which costs \$90.00 per year per student. However Hornsby North Public School has gained sponsorship for the program and the cost will be \$10.00 per student for the entire year.

**Science & STEM Program Levy** - Specialist teachers are not provided for the delivery of the Science & STEM program. For resourcing, a contribution of \$20.00 per term per student is requested. This equates to \$2.00 per week per student.

**IT Levy** - this is essential to assist in paying for an onsite IT Specialist person for the support of the network, computers, laptops and iPads. This contribution of \$20.00 per term per student is requested, which equates to \$2.00 per week per student.

Matt Pinchbeck  
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