



# Explanation of costs for 2019 booklist

This explanation is to assist parents in understanding our booklist.

## Part 1 Individual student stationery costs

The price of \$70 is to ensure quality items can be included on the booklist for personal student requisites. Families can buy these items but it is recommended they are bought through the school as the school can negotiate the best price by buying the items in bulk. It is very helpful if all students have the same supplies and materials and that all student's resources are of a high quality.

## Part 2 Essential educational items shared across all curriculum areas

The cost of \$235 covers items shared across all curriculum such as -

- Classroom project materials
- iPad Program
- IT Deployment & Filtering Systems
- Brain Pop
- Reading Eggs/Mathletics
- Software Licenses
- eLearning/Coding resources

## Part 3 School Council optional levy

The \$40 charge per family covers costs for grounds maintenance work and enhancements wages, but this can be reclaimed by families when attending at one working working bee during the year.

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## EXPLANATION OF ESSENTIAL EDUCATIONAL ITEMS IN MORE DETAIL

### MacBook/iPad program

Prep to Year 2 students are asked to pay a \$50 levy for the use of up-to-date iPads in the school for the year. Year 3 to Year 6 students (who do not have their own laptop) are asked to pay a \$50 levy for the use of MacBooks provided by the school, at a 1:2 shared ratio. This includes secure storage and charging units for these MacBooks/iPads.

### eLearning Levy

The \$10 charge goes directly into paying for equipment, materials and programs to support the teaching and learning in every grade level. We pride ourselves on delivering quality learning programs and providing the best resources for the children's learning. Technology is now a major part of learning and we aim to enable our students to develop advanced skills using technology. Some examples also include, Apple TVs, Sphero's, OSMO kits, EV3 Mindstorms, Dash & Dot, Cue, Botley's, Sam Labs, etc.

### Deployment Systems / Applications (APPs)

The school is required to pay a license fee for each APP installed on each device, unlike at home where the APP can be shared among devices. This is called education licensing. We are also required to cover the regular on-going costs of updating obsoleted/expired APPs, their extended content, and the purchase of new APPs.

iPad APPs can cost anything between 99c to \$140.00 to be licensed for each device. We have approximately 450 student iPads. The amount we ask for each child only partly covers the actual costs of APPs and site licensing.

Some APPs purchased in bulk using our Volume Purchasing Program (VPP) include:

- Inspiration Maps \$7.49
- Oz Phonics \$ 4.59 (x5)
- Fitzroy Readers \$ 7.49 (x7)
- Book creator \$ 3.99
- iSequences \$ 4.49
- Targeting Maths \$ 4.99 (x7)

Deployment systems are very powerful, and help setup, install, and clean MacBook and iPad operating systems. All Deployment and Management systems are costly, and we ask that you help contribute to this ongoing cost.

### **MacBook Applications**

Students using MacBooks (Years 3-6) also have APPs. We must pay per device installed by us annually. The MacBook APPs are generally more expensive than on iPads. We currently install APPs onto about 450 student bring your own MacBook (BYOM) and 1:1 MacBook devices. Depending on Year level, some regularly used MacBook APPs include:

- iStudio (Publishing) \$ 27.99
- iStopMotion 3 \$ 79.00
- Inspiration \$ 62.99
- Kidspiration Maps \$ 62.99
- Comic Life 3 \$ 23.49
- Typing Kids Platinum \$15.49

\*\* An Education Apple ID is required to obtain these extra APPs. Instructions upon request \*\*

### **Numeracy and Literacy subscriptions, and other Online Resources**

We pay for annual “per user” subscriptions for online application(s), and content, giving us access to a number of on-line books, and literacy and numeracy tools. There are always additional price increases as content by the company is changed and updated regularly. We currently use the Reading Eggs and Mathletics programs, and for some grades, also the Reading A to Z catalogue. Mathletics and Readings Eggs usually costs about \$10.50ea, and Reading A-Z about \$10.50ea.

### **Some other Online Tools and Digital Subscriptions**

There are many online licensing and subscription based services which we pay for either annually or monthly. They may include such learning and STEAM tools such as Brainpop, iTunes rentals/purchases, Netflix documentaries, Adobe CC, Xuno, etc.

### **Other costs incurred by the school**

Just for your information the school generally covers most of the costs of student annual printing that can be as much as \$100 each, our filtering and protection system called Cyberhound (a service requested by parents to monitor the content used by the students both at home and school), and Deployment and Management systems used for device configuration, security, APP installations, and license management.

We want to keep up-to-date with the latest to give our children the best opportunities possible. Staff and children are constantly asking for new APPs and we, in turn, ask staff to carefully rationalise and evaluate the APPs and programs necessary for learning. We are aiming for a balance of quality learning but do not want to burden parents with unreasonable additional costs.

It is very important that families pay part 2 (essential educational items shared across all curriculum) when purchasing the stationary (part 1) to support the excellent learning program across the school.