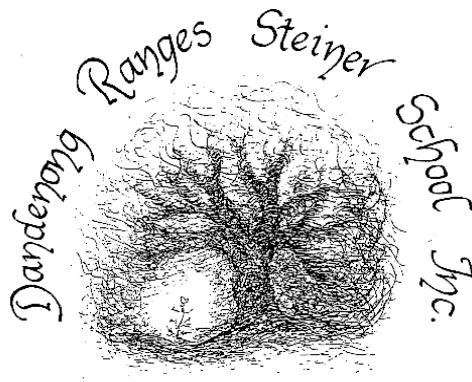


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## **FEE POLICY 2013**

### **Prompt Payment Discount**

When you pay your fees on time you show respect for the goodwill and dedication of both the immediate and wider communities who provide support for our endeavour. And, of course, you enable the School to run its programs. **It cannot function without the prompt payment of fees.** For this reason we offer a 5% early bird discount on tuition fees paid by the third week of each term as an incentive for prompt payments.

### **Payment Procedure**

Fees are payable in advance, you do not need to wait for an invoice for term fees. Simply pay the amount specified for your child's class as shown on the fee schedule. An invoice will be issued each term which will include any sundries. Sundries are always payable in full. Payment is by direct debit, cheques, money order, bank transfer or in person at the office. The school does not offer payment by credit card or EFTPOS.

### **Working Bee Levy**

The school relies on parents' help to maintain the school gardens and grounds to such standard that we are proud of our school. Four working bees are arranged per year to achieve this result. If working bees were not held, the work would have to be done by a professional contractor which would result in higher fees payable by families. If at least one member of a family does not attend a minimum of one working bee per half year, a levy of \$50 per half year will be made to the family's account.

### **Travel / Extended Absence Holding Fee**

For each term your child is absent a \$50 holding fee is charged per child in lieu of term fees.

### **Concessions**

Holders of Pensioner or Health Care Cards whose children are eligible may be entitled to a *Pre-School Subsidy* for one year (Pre-School) or an *Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)* (School). If you are a HCC holder please provide a copy of your card to the office.

*Child Care Benefit* – If your child attends Kinder – you may also be entitled to a subsidy for the time your child spends at Kinder – for details contact FAO or speak with the Fees Officer. You will need an official receipt for your Kinder fees to claim. Please ask the Fees Officer for a receipt.

Tuition fees will be waived for the third child and any subsequent siblings whilst they are concurrently enrolled in the **school or kindergarten**, instead there will be a charge of \$50 per child, per term. This does not apply to sundries and excursions. If a third or subsequent child attends playgroup, then a \$30.00 fee per family per term applies. These charges are to cover consumables and other incidental items used during the term.

### **Withdrawal of a Student**

A full term's notice, in writing addressed to the Bursar, or the payment of a full terms fee in lieu is required, on the withdrawal of a child from the School, Prep or Kindergarten.

### **Overdue Fees**

If you are experiencing difficulty paying your fees on time please contact the Bursar. Alternative payment options can be arranged. If notification is not made and fees become more than one month overdue you will be asked to adopt a payment plan. A student whose fees become overdue by one term may not be permitted to attend in the following term. Special circumstances may be accommodated – please discuss with the Bursar.

### **Sessions Kinder**

The Kindergarten is licensed as a Children's Service Centre, providing a Pre-School program. It is also registered as an Independent School providing a Prep program. Kinder and Prep children commence the year gently, gradually increasing the hours they attend. In February these children only attend morning sessions. The fee charged is an annual amount which has been divided equally into four amounts over four terms.

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## Fee Schedule 2013

	Yearly		Per Term	
	Gross	Early bird	Gross	Early bird
<b>Classes 3, 4, 5, 6</b>				
Tuition	\$4,880.00	\$4,636.00	\$1,220.00	\$1,159.00
Sundries*	\$440.00	\$440.00	\$110.00	\$110.00
Net	<u>\$5,320.00</u>	<u>\$5,076.00</u>	<u>\$1,330.00</u>	<u>\$1,269.00</u>

Please note that Camps (Classes 3-6) are not included in sundries and are an additional charge.

Music charges are incorporated in the Tuition fee\*\*

### Class 1, 2

Tuition	\$3,584.00	\$3,404.80	\$896.00	\$851.20
Sundries*	\$440.00	\$440.00	\$110.00	\$110.00
Net	<u>\$4,024.00</u>	<u>\$3,844.80</u>	<u>\$1,006.00</u>	<u>\$961.20</u>

### Prep\*\*\*

Tuition Includes biodynamic/organic food	\$3,076.00	\$2,922.20	\$769.00	\$730.55
Net	<u>\$3,076.00</u>	<u>\$2,922.20</u>	<u>\$769.00</u>	<u>\$730.55</u>

### Kindergarten

<b>Big Kinder</b> Includes biodynamic/organic food	\$2,784.00	\$2,644.80	\$696.00	\$661.20
<b>Little Kinder</b> Includes biodynamic/organic food	\$1,392.00	\$1,322.40	\$348.00	\$330.60

### Playgroup

	\$440.00	N/A	\$110.00	N/A
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Early bird payment on tuition fees must be paid within the first three weeks of each term for discounts to apply.

\* Sundries materials which will be itemised and invoiced separately during the year.

\*\* Instrument hire is the responsibility of parents.

\*\*\*Prep progresses up to a maximum of 8 sessions however children are to attend what is deemed to be the suitable number of sessions for their proper development.

NB: Please refer to the "Fee Policy" for other important information (overleaf).