



## Education Fees at Narangba Valley SS

State schools provide free instruction, administration and facilities. However, principals in conjunction with the school's Parents and Citizens' association are able to charge fees under the Student Resource Scheme. The amount payable is reviewed annually and may change from year level to year level. Parents and caregivers are responsible for providing such items as day to day stationery and uniforms. Parents also bear the costs of school excursions, camps and extracurricular activities.

### Possible combinations of student accounts are:

**Student Resource Scheme** - The fee of \$40 is in addition to the book lists (back to school requirements) that are issued at the end of each school year. The Student Resource Scheme payment is invoiced to each student early in Term 1. The scheme fee offsets bulk purchases made by the school for each year level for items such as: equipment needed to enhance the curriculum during the year e.g art equipment / text books / playdough / colour paper / literacy & numeracy projects / drama coaching etc.

**Excursion Expenses** - Excursion prices are set according to a cost recovery basis only. Schools are not allocated funding for excursions therefore teachers must submit costing plans proving that all expenses e.g. bus travel, for proposed excursions will be met before proceeding.

**Instrumental Music Program** - For students enrolled in our music program there is a levy payable plus a hire fee (if students are hiring an instrument). These fees are due and payable **PRIOR** to the student's first lesson. Please see the Instrumental Music handbook for more information.

**Technology Levy** – Narangba Valley State School provides a technology-rich environment to support students with their learning. Technology is integrated across the curriculum, supporting students learning within the digital world in which we live.

Students participate in a 1:1 iPad Program from Years 3 to 6. Each student will be issued with a school-owned iPad for their educational use whilst enrolled at the school. School devices remain at school to support families in managing appropriate screen time across the day.

**Loss or Damage** - If the iPad is lost, stolen or damaged, the student must report it to their classroom teacher as soon as practical, during school hours. School iPads can be tracked and deactivated if needed. If theft and accidental damage occur at school, the forms are completed through the school. If loss or theft occurs outside of the school, parents/guardians must inform the police immediately. The Police Event Number will be required to complete the required paperwork.

### Extra Curricular Activities

Optional extra-curricular and recreational activities (e.g. performing and visual arts, Opti-Minds and sporting activities), year level activities, fundraising activities are offered to students to enhance the educational experience at the school. These are not mandatory.

Charges for recreational activities are based on a cost recovery basis and are determined by expenses incurred for the activity and the number of participants. Expenses may include travel costs (including insurance), venue, catering etc.

Levies for extra-curricular activities are calculated on a cost recovery basis. Costs may include some or all of the following:

- engagement of specialist coaches or accompanists
- reasonable equipment replacement and repair
- operating expenses (photocopying, repair costs)
- referee expenses
- sports medicine (ambulance on site)
- training bibs / singlets
- transport
- hire of uniforms / costumes
- venue use / hire
- reasonable light refreshments for participating students

These levies are also based on the number of students who are participating in the activity.

Parents/guardians are informed of these levies prior to students participating in the activity to allow them to make an informed decision. These levies should be paid before the start of any activity, or by the due date communicated to families.

Opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities are often reliant on staff volunteering their time eg at lunch breaks or out of school hours to prepare and participate in a range of events. When opportunities for extra curricular experiences arise, students are invited to nominate to participate. Information regarding student participation in these experiences will be sent home to ensure parents are supportive of their child's participation and commitment to the activity eg practice times after school, transport requirement and attendance in school or out of school time eg evenings or weekends.

Our school participates in a range of innovative opportunities:

- **Wakakirri** – a national Story-Dance Festival with students performing at the Caloundra Entertainment Centre during Term 2. Auditions for students in Year 3 to Year 6 are held in Term 2 and successful students begin weekly rehearsals during lunch breaks and after school for up to two hours.
- **Opti-Minds** – team challenge hosted at the University of Queensland (UQ), held in Term 4 on a Sunday. Students work in small teams to think, create and communicate to address an Opti-Minds Creative Sustainability Challenge. Students prepare during lunch breaks in readiness for the challenge at UQ in Term 4.
- **Sport Competitions** - Our school is invited to participate in sport championship competitions eg Matt Gillett NRL Gala Day, AFL Cup, Netball Lightning Cup. Participation is based on the availability of staff to coach teams. Parents will be invited to provide transport to reduce costs where possible.
- **STEM Challenges** – The Moreton Bay Technology Alliance hosts team challenges including Video Game Immersion Day, Minecraft Challenge and we also partner with Narangba Valley SHS to participate in robotics immersion days. Students work together to learn how to code in Scratch, Microsoft Makecode Arcade, Minecraft and other coding skills to prepare for the different challenge events across the year based on the given theme/topics of each challenge.

### Payment of student accounts

- Payments may be made via:
  1. **BPOINT** – click the link at the bottom of your invoice to pay for the invoice. Alternatively log into your web browser to BPOINT using the full web address provided on your Invoice. You must include your child's full name, invoice number located on your invoice and the amount to pay.
  2. **QParents App** – Through the app you can check on what invoices are outstanding and pay individual invoices
  3. **EFTPOS/Cash** – via the school office.

- Part payments of accounts and invoices is available however please advise the Principal via email or letter in advance, so that the arrangement can be noted and approved. If such an arrangement is required for an excursion such as Camp, the full amount must be paid prior to the student attending the activity.
- It is very important for all students that school debts are paid as these are monies that our school is expecting that we have already planned or expended. Schools receive limited funding from the government and our hard working P&C's. Funds are used to benefit all students. Budgets are tight and schools account for every dollar collected and expended. School debts affect all students as it restricts what we may do to support student learning.

### Summary of Year Level Fees

The costs for each year level are approximate, based on the actual cost in 2023. The location of excursions are reviewed each year to ensure they align to the year level curriculum. The locations listed below may change as the Australian Curriculum continues to be updated.

The booklist for each year level is also reviewed annually to reduce materials as digital learning tools are increasing utilized across the school.

Year Level	Excursions/Levy	Approx Costs
<b>Student Resource Scheme across each year level \$40 per student or \$100 per family of 3 or more children</b>		
<b>Prep</b>	Book List Excursion – Trevena Glenn Farm	\$195 \$35
<b>Year 1</b>	Book List ( <i>not including retained items</i> ) Swimming Excursion - Australia Zoo	\$260 \$90 \$33
<b>Year 2</b>	Book List ( <i>not including retained items</i> ) Swimming Excursion - Sea Life	\$194 \$90 \$33
<b>Year 3</b>	Book List ( <i>not including retained items</i> ) iPad Levy Swimming Excursions – Museum & StarLab	\$158 \$150 \$90 \$25 and \$12.5
<b>Year 4</b>	Book List ( <i>not including retained items</i> ) iPad Levy Surf Life Saving Day Camp Term 4	\$113 \$150 \$25 \$75
<b>Year 5</b>	Book List ( <i>not including retained items</i> ) iPad Levy Surf Life Saving Camp Term 1 Gala Day Term 2 & Term 3	\$80 \$150 \$25 \$235 \$15/term
<b>Year 6</b>	Book List ( <i>not including retained items</i> ) iPad Levy Surf Life Saving Parliament House Excursion Camp Gala Day Term 2 & 3 Graduation Ceremony Year 6 Celebration Day - Aussie World	\$100 \$150 \$25 \$15 \$250 \$15/term \$10/ticket (max of 4 tickets/family) \$36