December 2015

Dear Families,

The Materials & Services Charges for the 2016 school year have been set and approved by both DECD and Lameroo Regional Community School Governing Council. This letter is to provide you with all necessary information about fees, books and stationery. Student invoices for fees will be posted to families in January.

COURSE MATERIALS:
The Finance Sub-committee of Governing Council determines the budget and sets fees to provide income for most school items. Together with income from the State Government, the money obtained is to run classes e.g. purchase text books, art and craft materials, chemicals, equipment - you name it! This charge also covers Swimming Pool fees, Grounds Maintenance, up-grade of PE equipment, and up-grade of Library resources.

Subject choice charges are identified on the Material & Services Notice of Charges.

Subjects which attract fees will be charged prior to each Semester. Semester 1 subjects will be charged in January with M & S Charge and Semester 2 in June.

All text books are loaned to students. To cover the possibility of loss or damage of these expensive resources, every middle / senior school student is charged with a hire fee within the Materials & Services Charge.

STATIONERY:

R-7 students will receive GST FREE stationery to the approximate value of $35.00; Junior Primary Classes (R, 1 & 2) will be issued with basic requirements and the balance as required. Basic Taxable Stationery items will be supplied to students and are the property of the school. They will be issued on the first day of school and not be included in the pack.

8 - 10 students will be issued with a ‘base’ GST FREE stationery pack. Basic Taxable Stationery items will be supplied to students and are the property of the school. They will be issued on the first day of school and not be included in the pack.

11 - 12 students will be issued with a basic stationery pack. The subject teacher will issue subject specific items.

ALL stationery will be prepacked and ready for payment and collection prior to the start of school in 2016. ALL stationery packs will be available from the Performing Arts Centre (PAC).

Basic Stationery: eg pens, exercise books, writing pads etc.

SCHOOL DIARY:

Primary School: students will receive their Diary on the first day of school. Their Barcode for use with the Incidental Absence computer (which signs students in and out of school) will be attached to the inside. New Diary Covers will be supplied in 2016 and are expected to be reused in 2017.

Secondary School: students will receive their Diary on the first day of school. Year 8 - 12’s will have their Barcode attached to the inside of their diary for use with the Incidental Absence computer (which signs students in and out of school) will be attached to the inside. The student school diary is potentially a legal document and as such needs to be kept accurate in a neat manner.

PADLOCKS FOR LOCKERS: Students are encouraged to provide their own padlock to secure their lockers.

OTHER (Optional):

SCHOOL MAGAZINE:

If you would like a 2016 School Magazine it will be $22.00, and is ordered now. The number of orders we get determines the budget for production of the magazine and whether or not we go ahead and produce a magazine.
Should orders be too small, we will refund your money and not publish a 2016 Magazine. The Magazine may be included in your payment to secure your Magazine order.

**STUDENT I.D. CARDS:**

Student I.D. Cards will be available at a cost of **$5.00**. ONLY prepaid cards will be ordered from Academy Photographers. Orders will be placed on **Friday 12th Feb**. Payment can be added to M & S Charges payment. If a replacement ID Card is required through the year they will be **$5.50**.

**DICTIONARY:**

- The ‘Australian Oxford School Dictionary’, for year 3 to 6 students.................................$20.00 while stocks last
- ‘The Heinemann File Dictionary’, which includes a Thesaurus, for year 7 to 9 students......$20.00 while stocks last
- The ‘Oxford School German Dictionary’, for year 8 students............................................$24.00
- The ‘Oxford Mini School German Dictionary’, for year 8 students.................................$15.00

These dictionaries are recommended but not essential. Please add to your students’ invoice if required.

**CALCULATOR:**

Scientific Calculator is available for purchase from the Front Office; these are recommended but not essential.

- CASIO fx-82ms Scientific. **$20.00 while stocks last.**
- Graphics Calculators are provided to senior students by the school and remain the property of the school.

**PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES:**

Payment should be made on or before **Thursday 28th January, or Friday 29th January 2016**

between 9.30am. & 4.00pm.

*It is preferable to have all fees and stationery payment and collection dealt with before the start of the school year as it adds to a smooth start for staff and students.*

After paying fees at the Front Office, stationery for ALL students may be collected from the Performing Arts Centre (PAC).

We are aware that people from Pinnaroo, Geranium, out-lying Lameroo areas, or families on holidays, may find it inconvenient to make a special trip to the school for fee payment. Consequently, other alternatives are:

1. to post the Invoice payment slip, and your cheque/credit card details to the school
2. to send a cheque/credit card details with your child on the first day of school.
3. payment by instalment may be negotiated. Last instalment to be paid by end of Term 2.
4. It is Governing Council Policy to pursue outstanding Materials & Services Charges.

*Payment may be made by cash, cheque, Credit Card or EFTPOS.*

*Cheques are to be made payable to Lameroo Regional Community School Inc.*

*Please ensure the payment slip is returned with your payment.*

**SCHOOL CARD for 2016:** Families eligible to the School Card Scheme receive an allowance, which assists in the payment of School Charges. Primary School (R – 7) allowance is **$229.00** and secondary (8 – 12) school allowance is **$303.00**.

Approval for School Card will be dependent upon proof of family income. Applicants wishing to be considered for School Card assistance must apply EACH YEAR

**Please note:**

- It is a Centrelink requirement that the applicant's partners name and CRN (if applicable) must be included on the application forms.
- It is imperative that appropriately completed ED003A forms signed by both partners (if applicable) and completed ED003Y and ED003S forms signed by the applicant are filed as Centrelink may initiate random audits of the forms.

**2016 information and forms are available from the school, or visit the website.** www.decs.sa.gov.au/goldbook/

Further information is available from School Card Section, DECD. Their direct number is 1800 672 758.

*Carol Haskell (Finance Officer)*