

Leamington School

Camp Payments Nuts and Bolts

Details for whaanau about the cost of camp and making contributions



School Camps are a valued part of a child's experience at school.

Legislation does not allow any school to compel payment for camps from parents if their child attends.

[“Boards may seek donations towards the cost of camps but cannot compel payment. Family/whānau can choose to pay the donation in full, in part, or not at all.”](#)

While we are always careful to choose a camp that is appropriate and affordable for those who may wish to contribute, the hard reality is that camps are at risk of falling out of the schooling experience without parent contributions. *Unfortunately, the camp that the children attend is significantly affected by the level of contributions from the previous year, as this tells us how much we should allow for.*

To make accounting processes straightforward for everyone, families who have children attending will be invoiced through Xero as this is the easiest way for parents to know how much they might consider as a contribution. The invoice amount is calculated through proportioning the amount for each child assuming everyone contributed the full amount.

For those families who would like to contribute, but who would find it difficult due to a financial situation, but who would worry that a lack of contribution would affect subsequent camps, we ask that they make themselves known as there are funds available through various agencies to support families who would like to contribute.

Families who wish to contribute over time towards the cost of camp are still able to do so through setting up a drip feed contribution method. Please ask the school office how to do this.

For clarification on contributions, please contact the school office.

Other links

<https://www.education.govt.nz/school/funding-and-financials/fees-charges-and-donations/requirements-for-boards-of-trustees-of-decile-1-7-schools-and-kura-choosing-to-opt-in-to-the-donations-scheme/#camp>