



Fees

Annual School Fees are monitored each year. The finance committee and school governing council approve any increase in fees every year and on some occasions a 'poll' is set up for families and the community with a suggested fee. This fee is a goods and services charge, which is a Legally Recoverable Amount. The fees cover required stationery, materials, resources, equipment, text books, computer software and library books used by the students. It does not include costs for excursions or camps as they are charged separately once they are planned. We are always happy to negotiate payment by instalment. Some families are eligible for government assistance called School Card. Details about this can be obtained from the office.

Fire!

The Adelaide Hills experience many Fire Ban Days during the warmer months and we monitor the fire danger potential very carefully. On days of extreme fire danger, children must be collected after school personally. We will not allow them to walk or ride home. If a neighbour or friend is collecting a child, parents will need to write a note to the child's teacher providing this information. If a fire is threatening the school, no child will be allowed to leave the premises. All excursions are reviewed on Fire Ban Days. Bushfire drills are held regularly. The school will be closed on days described as Catastrophic by the CFS. The school will send a text message to all families notifying them if a Catastrophic Day is forecast. This is in addition to the information distributed to the community by TV, radio etc. It is essential for families living in this area to have their own bush fire plans.



Governing Council

The school governing council is the major decision-making and fundraising body. Members are elected for a two-year period at the Annual Meeting in February. All parents are welcome to attend school council meetings or to submit items for the agenda. Only elected members can vote on issues, but you will be encouraged to join the council once you become a member of the school community. The governing council has many responsibilities including:

- Advice to principal about curriculum and school policy matters.
- Involvement in the preparation of the annual "statement of purpose" document or Site Learning Plan.
- Approval of the annual budget.
- Ratification of decisions taken by other groups or sub-committees.
- Oversight of school facilities including buildings and grounds.
- Safe maintenance of playground equipment.
- Co-ordination of school fundraising.