The following is based on last year’s contingencies to give parents an idea on approximate costs for next year. Final figures will not be known until closer to the event.

- The Government provides a small subsidy towards the Learn to Swim Program; currently we offer this program free of charge. The cost of this program last year was $0.00.
- The $5.00 a term cost was much lower due to the extreme fundraising by parents, students and teachers.
- The Year 7 camp was free, this cost also much lower due to extensive fundraising. Now that we have lost the Year 7’s three day cost we have to fund the rest and not the two, so decisions have been made to date.
- The Year 6 shirt last year cost $4.00.
- Throughout the year there are many small arts performances that come to the school, such as Whitmey Views, Art Councils, Mosica Viva etc, all which have a cost and are attached to them.

All excursions in the school are based on curriculum work and units that the students have been studying. These approximate costs are listed to help parents to budget especially for the bigger items. There are many was that the cost of the book may be reduced but so that it doesn’t become a large burden to few weeks from the event and become disappointed that they are unable to go. Paying into the student account on a regular base, whatever can be spared for that week, over a few weeks it soon adds up. Regular payments can be made on line or at the front counter. The school offers Centrelink through Centrelink these arrangements can be made through the online. Payment Plans are also available. Each year many Library books are not returned to the Library. Students forget to bring them back or they go missing. Letters are sent home regularly informing parents of the loss but it can’t be found and if not then Parents are invoiced for the cost of the book. If there are any outstanding payments from previous years or this year on the students accounts, parents must be able to participate in any non-curricular activities such as Sports, Rewards Day. Swimming, Wakakari, Year 6 Graduation or attending Arts Council performances. Please contact the school and we will do our best to assist you.

Sandra Lansdowne - Business Service Manager

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**OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

Following is information about school procedures and extensions to help us all participate successfully in each school day.

**The School Day**

**Before 8:30am** Students are unsupervised and should not be at school. If they do come to school before 8:30am students must wait in the courtyard opposite the canteen.

**8:30 am** Classrooms are opened. Children use this time to prepare for the school day. Quiet outdoor games for yrs 4-7 are acceptable if students are ready for their school day.

**8:45 am** Instruction commence/ Rolls marked — children are to be in rooms and attentive.

**11:00 am** First Break

**1:10 pm** Second Break

**3:00 pm** Instruction finishes — students are dismissed

**3:30 pm** Staff supervision of students awaiting pickup ends

**ROADSAFE**

Some clues to reduce frustration after school in Nadina Street.

1. Do not arrive till 3:05!
2. Do not leave your vehicle.
3. Move up when it is your turn. (Your child will be at the gate near the sign).
4. Follow the road rules — (double parking/U-Turns).
5. Be patient — we are moving many young children.
6. Drivers don't cross the ‘double line’ if performing a U turn.

**School Uniforms**

Our uniform has been designed to be practical, comfortable presentable, and inexpensive. We expect every child to attend school in the correct school uniform. Hats do have to be “Beaconsfield” hats — however they must be sunsafe. Baseball caps are not sunsafe and are not to be worn to, or from, this school.

Shoes must be closed in — sandals or thongs are not appropriate footwear. Shorts, skirts, and shorts are to be black. Coloured or patterned shoes are not acceptable. Jeans are not part of the school uniform.

The age of a uniform is never an issue — however its condition is. Uniforms are not acceptable.

Representative (Mackay or Cumberland) shirts can be worn to school. Awardees must wear appropriate uniform to receive their awards on school assembly.

In the event that a child cannot wear their uniform on a given day, a note from home should be presented to the learning group teacher. This is a courtesy. Should a family have difficulty in presenting children in uniform, please let the principal know.

We are not on rules — we are on expectations and a sense of pride. A copy of the school’s uniform policy was provided on enrolment. Should you want another copy — please contact reception staff.

**Bicycles**

Racks are provided near the prep buildings. ALL STUDENTS MUST LOCK THEIR CYCLES AT SCHOOL. Scooters are to be stored near the administration building — neatly in the racks provided.

**Tuckshop**

Please use the online ordering or the “bag order” system to order lunches. Student queues before school mean that these children cannot be “On time every time”.

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

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**BEACONSFIELD CANTENE**

The Canteen is open FIRST BREAK ONLY on Tuesday (for a month trial).

**GET READY**

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5. Receive a confirmation email
6. Log in to the website
7. Select your school and enter your child’s name
8. Add credit to your account
9. Order meals for your child

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**CAzzie Little — Canteen Convenor**

**BUSINESS SERVICE MANAGER**

Welcome to the 2023 school year. There are many costs involved in sending your children to any school, at this time at Beaconsfield there are no school fees as many other schools in the area have.

- The school has bulk purchased text books that each student requires, because of the bulk purchasing the cost is cheaper than if you were to go and purchase them yourself, this also allows the school to purchase the correct book for the level of the student to ensure that each student is maintaining and enhancing their level. The cost of these books is $55 and invoices will be sent home over the next few days.