



WAIKATO DIOCESAN
School for Girls

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE DUES FOR 2023

Our Dio Vision is to 'Prepare confident, resourceful and resilient young women to make a positive difference in their world'. This is a vision we take very seriously.

We pride ourselves on our outstanding university acceptance rate. In 2021, 100% of our students gained literacy across all year levels, and 100% of students in levels 2 and 3, and 99.2% in level 1 gained numeracy. We obtained the highest NCEA results of any Waikato school and were among the best all-girls schools in New Zealand. Our Class of 2022 left Dio with 42 tertiary scholarships being offered to them. The School has grown in success with an increasingly rigorous and inquiring academic environment, as well as attracting top staff to ensure the quality of teaching and learning is above par.

We are in a strong position moving into 2023. Our recently completed Education Review Office (ERO) review and independent appraisal have highlighted Waikato Diocesan School for Girls as extremely high-performing.

We continue to invest in our campus and have an ambitious ten-year campus plan to produce new state-of-the-art teaching, learning and recreation spaces.

The Proprietor's Board and Board of Trustees have reviewed the funding requirements for 2023 in the context of the strategic plan, budget for 2023, and forecasts for the next five years. Both Boards have given this important area significant and careful consideration, acknowledging the ongoing commitments required of the school community.

We have considered several aspects:

- CPI (inflation) and subsequent cost increases incurred by the School;
- A new rating (decile) system is being introduced next year, which means we will lose significant Ministry of Education funding over the next few years;
- Addressing rising salaries and benefits costs for our staff;
- As with many New Zealand schools and education providers, the pandemic has hit the international student market hard, meaning fewer international students than we had before COVID.

We have worked hard to get to a break-even position in the budget and have reviewed as much as possible without removing the many exceptional Dio opportunities for students and staff. We have strived to keep increases to a minimum through diligent financial stewardship and control of expenses.

The Boards are grateful for the financial support that enables us to continue to provide superior staffing, resources and boarding facilities and maintain the special character in our unique school environment. Our values-based approach focuses on an educational experience beyond good academic results.

Making the Dio Difference

Alongside parents/caregivers, we work to support students to develop their dreams and help them achieve their goals – academically, culturally, and spiritually, in leadership and sporting endeavours.

To support our vision and the many and varied opportunities offered at Dio, we ask that you honour your commitment to our donations, dues and fees over the time your daughter is with us. As an Anglican state-integrated school, we rely on these donations to retain the education and opportunities our students enjoy.

Donations, dues and fees for 2023 will be as follows:

Board of Trustees donation:	\$ 3,069.00
Proprietor's Board donation:	\$ 5,954.00
Attendance dues:	\$ 431.24
Domestic Boarding fees:	\$15,880.00
Total for Day students:	\$ 9,454.24
Total for Boarding students (Day plus Boarding costs):	\$25,334.24
Costs per term:	
Day Students:	\$2,363.56
Boarding Students:	\$6,333.56

It is preferred that payments are by direct debit. Please review your monthly payments in line with these increases.

Under current tax legislation, donations paid by 31 March may be eligible for a tax rebate from the IRD. Donation receipts are sent out by the School in April each year. As the tax situation of every taxpayer is unique, the Boards strongly recommend that parents and caregivers confirm their eligibility for a tax credit for their donations by obtaining appropriate advice.

Please contact our Commercial Manager, who will assist you, should you have any enquiries regarding donations, dues and fees, or would like to discuss a payment plan.

Thank you for your continued support of your School. We look forward to consolidating our partnership to build your daughters' best educational future.

Sincerely,



The Very Rev Anne Mills
Chairperson, Proprietor's Board



Raewyn McPhillips
Presiding Member, Board of Trustees