



**WAIKATO DIOCESAN**  
School for Girls

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Kia ora koutou, Parents and Caregivers

### **DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE DUES FOR 2024**

The School Boards have been considering our fee levels for 2024. This is relevant to our 2024 Budget and the profile of our known and estimated internal and external costs and financial pressures next year.

As ever, we wish to maintain the delivery of our Dio Vision: to 'Prepare confident, resourceful and resilient young women to make a positive difference in their world.'

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.

We have considered several aspects:

- CPI (inflation) and subsequent cost increases incurred by the school.
- The new rating (decile) system which means we will lose significant ministry 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 effects of the pandemic are still affecting the international student market, meaning there are fewer international students than before COVID-19.

We have strived to keep increases to a minimum through diligent financial stewardship and control of expenses without removing the many exceptional Dio opportunities for students and staff.

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 of our unique school environment. Our values-based approach focuses on an educational experience beyond good academic results. Alongside parents/caregivers, we work to support students in developing their dreams and helping 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 support 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 (inclusive of GST) for 2024 will be as follows:

School Board donation:	\$ 3,253.00
Proprietor's Board donation:	\$ 6,311.00
Attendance dues:	\$ 450.00
Domestic Boarding fees:	\$17,500.00
Total for Day Students:	\$10,014.00
Total for Boarding Students (day plus boarding costs):	\$27,514.00
Cost per term:	
Day students:	\$ 2,503.50
Boarding students:	\$ 6,878.50

It is preferred that payments be 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. The School sends out donation receipts in April each year. As every taxpayer's tax situation is unique, the Boards strongly recommends that parents/caregivers confirm their eligibility for a tax credit for their donations by obtaining appropriate advice.

Since the founding of Waikato Diocesan School for Girls, many community members have contributed over many decades to create what makes up the current state of the campus that we now benefit from and appreciate. We now ask for our current community to also contribute to the capacity and ability of the school and its buildings to support the unique educational experience we believe is so important.

Ngaa mihi maioha



Raewyn McPhillips  
**Presiding Member, School Board**



The Very Rev Anne Mills  
**Chairperson, Proprietor's Board**