

Student Services Fee

Laidlaw College charges a Student Services Fee to fund key services to students.

The services aim to provide support in the areas of wellbeing, community, retention and achievement.

More specifically the following areas of support are offered:

Careers

Staff involvement with career development and advice, including Mission week, Church at Large Week, Pasifika Inspire, advertising of job opportunities through a weekly e-newsletter, mentoring, and consultation with potential employers to transition students into post-study employment, and advice on further study pathways.

Counselling/Pastoral Care

Provision of counselling services, facilities to encourage conversation and wellbeing (common rooms, café spaces). Community events to foster community (eg. Community lunches, cultural concerts, chapel services), non-academic support provided by academic and operational staff, provision of Deans on some campuses.

Financial Support/Advice

Hardship assistance, needy student support fund, administration of these and various scholarship funds and supporting applications for external funding.

Sports, Recreation and Cultural Facilities

Funds help towards the upkeep of recreational facilities, and the cost of cultural and community events, community lunches, student leader retreats and training, and student leadership oversight.

Laidlaw College's Student Leadership Team provides leadership to students and represents student interests. The Student Leadership Team is consulted with on the level of the fee (maximum to be charged), and the types of services the fee covers. The consultation also covers the method of authorisation and the way the services are provided.

The Service Funding Report on the following page details the agreed 2024 Student Services Fee level and the income and expenditure for each type of student service. The student services fees are separately accounted for in the College's accounting system.

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SERVICE FUNDING REPORT - for the year ended 31 December 2024

Student Services Fee

The charge per Equivalent Full Time Student (EFTS) is \$480.

This is calculated at the rate of \$4 per credit.

The charge for Distance Students is \$60 per Semester.

INCOME	2024	2023
Careers Information, advice and guidance	\$18,146	\$18,110
Counselling services and pastoral care	\$63,561	\$62,572
Financial support and advice	\$9,226	\$9,222
Sports, recreation and cultural activities	\$41,837	\$41,826
Total Student Services Fee Income	\$132,770	\$131,730
EXPENSES		
Careers Information, advice and guidance	\$14,789	\$12,774
Counselling services and pastoral care	\$37,613	\$53,432
Financial support and advice	\$25,356	\$21,902
Sports, recreation and cultural activities	\$64,010	\$47,097
Total Expenses	\$141,768	\$135,205
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$8,998)	(\$3,475)

All amounts include GST

All income and expenditure associated with these services is separately accounted for in Laidlaw College's accounting system.

A R Officer
Chief Financial Officer
Laidlaw College Inc.
30 May 2025

This information is also reported in our audited Consolidated Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Student Services Fee 2024

The Student Services Fees remained unchanged for 2024. For “on campus students” this is \$480 (\$4 per credit) per Equivalent Full Time Student. For distance students this is \$60 per student per semester. The last increase was in 2012.

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Student Services Fee 2025

Laidlaw College and the Student Leadership Team consulted in August/September 2024 and agreed the following:

1. That the fee for 2025 increase by 5%, noting this is the first increase since 2012. For “on campus students” this is \$504 (\$4.20 per credit) per Equivalent Full Time Student. For distance students this is \$63 per student per semester.
2. That the 2025 Fee be allocated (as per the previous year) to:
 - (a) Careers, information, advice and guidance – 12%
 - (b) Counselling Services/pastoral care – 38%
 - (c) Financial Support and advice – 7%
 - (d) Sports, recreation and cultural activities – 43%.

It is understood circumstances change from year to year so actual expenditure may vary between categories.

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